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The battle for the Sunday rages on in British Columbia

by John Van Hemert

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LANGLEY, B.C. — Business establishments are opening up everywhere for seven days, blatently featuring more convenience, better service and better buys for the consumer. There are now special specials for Sunday shoppers only.

All this is happening with an expedient disregard for the law, the B.C. Municipal Act, the B.C. Sunday Observance Act and the federal Lord's Day Act. It appears that as long as business establishments can get away with it on the wave of public opinion, as long as politicians are divided on the issue and as long as there is an extra dollar to be earned, the law will be broken side-ways and center, for supposedly the law no more fits our sophisticated times. This indeed is a sad trend to say it very mildly.

The end-result of the wide-open business week is a further deterioration of the quality of life. The costs for this in dollar and cents is double pay for work on Sundays. Eighteen dollars an hour for a clerk. So this will be neatly passed on to the consumer and thus so much for the national call for restraint and belt-tightening.

However, the cost in terms of the family and the mental health of the population is another matter. There already is so much stress and an ever faster pace of life in our society so that there is more and more marriage, family and mental breakdown. With more parents away from the family on the weekend, exactly when the children are at home from school, there will only be more trouble. Why?

What is the problem? First there is the deep human greed for that extra dollar. One businessman said unashamedly: "I must move more stock for every square foot of space and out-do my competition." The 78 cents a pound chicken for Sundays only makes some bargain hunters stand at the door of the supermarket before it opens, for on Monday the chicken will cost 12 cents a pound more. So actually all concerned have a good deal: the businessman who hopes to take away some competition from down the street, the store clerk who is on double pay and the shopper who gets a Sunday-only bargain.

Secondly, there is a growing disregard for the law. The politicians are afraid to enforce the law because they may lose some votes and lose the next election. The solution is to say that the law is archaic and that the matter is under review. The law is under review for the last four years in British Columbia. And there is still no action. There have been some cities and municipalities who are putting their foot down, but because there is no provincial enforcement by the department of the Attorney General, there is no uniform action and as a result people shop in the community next door. The fundamental problem as far as law enforcement is concerned is that the Legislature in Victoria is split down the middle on the issue. As a result, the Attorney General, our chief law enforcement officer, withholds action to avoid any embarrassment.

Thirdly, many Christians are not so concerned themselves about the issue. They just do not see too much wrong with a bit of business on the Lord's Day. Many eat out in restaurants after church. Staff at Whitespot calls the hour after worship, "the church rush." The mayor of the Municipality of Langley said that he would be much more sympathetic towards Sunday closings if all those Christians would stop shopping on Sundays.

Fourth, many of the clergy and the various denominations they represent have no clue as to why there should be a day of rest. They have never heard apparently of the creation order in which God set for man a six-day-work and one-day-celebration ratio. Nor do so many not realize that redeemed man is to celebrate the victory of Christ's resurrection and therefore he is to lay down his work and rejoice.

Now for the solution. It must be said that neither the problem nor the solution apply only to this problem of the desecration of the Lord's Day, but for this article I will limit myself to just one problem, the erosion of that special day of which we sing: "O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light ... most beautiful, most bright."

First, Christians will need to wake up to the fact that if they are *not* going to stand up and be counted, the Sunday in British Columbia will become the victim of indifference and apathy. The Lord's Day has been a means of strength, hope and renewal to millions for centuries. It has been the means of Christian institutions and Christian action from the very beginning of this country. We need, therefore, to thank God for what he has so graciously given and fight for the preservation of the Lord's Day.

Secondly, Christians will need to practice what they preach and observe the Lord's Day themselves with a renewed zeal to worship the Lord with a deep love commitment which will radiate through the whole week. The churches will need to be packed with praisers of God, second service included, with people who will hear the great riches of God's grace, with people who hunger for righteousness and with people who will themselves take the direction of God into His world.

After three-and-a-half years of lobbying, drafting letters, and presenting resolutions at political gatherings it is not only clear that on this particular issue the Government is unwilling to act, but it is also very clear that the battle is tough in a man-centered and money hungry situation. The hardest thing, however, is the unwillingness of so many fellow Christians who will not lift a finger and stand on the side with their horrible criticism or their complacent attitude.

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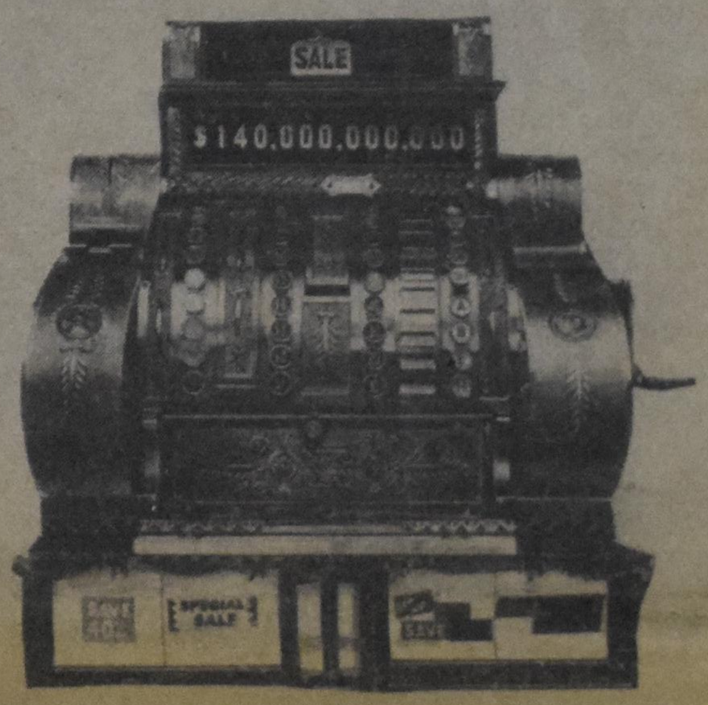

On February 24 a resolution was presented and heatedly debated in District Four of the Social Credit Party. By a narrow margin this resolution passed. This is significant because district four is the area of the whole Fraser Valley where most of the seven-day a week business practice is taking place. This resolution will go to the provincial convention this fall.

Here it is:

"WHEREAS: the people of British Columbia are gradually losing the Sunday as a day of rest, renewal, relaxation and worship to increased pressures of labour, industry and business.

"WHEREAS: Almighty God has graciously provided in the creation order a day of rest in every seven.

"WHEREAS: we in the Social Credit Party are equally concerned about fostering and protecting the moral and spiritual values for the benefit of the people of British Columbia as we are concerned about economic values.

"WHEREAS: The Lord's Day Act of Canada R.S.C. 171, as well as the British Columbia Sunday Observance Act, states that 'It is not lawful for any person on the Lord's Day, except as provided herein, or in any provincial act or law in force ... to sell or offer for sale or purchase any goods, or chattels or other personal property ... or transact any business ... or employ any other person to do so on that day any work, business or labour.'

"WHEREAS: Sunday business takes parents away from their families exactly on a day when children are at home from school thus causing extra strain on the family at a time when there is increased tension often resulting in mental, marriage and family breakdown.

"WHEREAS: The Retail Merchants' Association of Canada with 10,000 members is appealing to governments to enforce closing laws for Sundays and statutory holidays.

"WHEREAS: Sunday store openings cause unnecessary and serious hardship for retail owners and family-owned operations already at work six days a week providing personal service.

"BE IT RESOLVED, THEREFORE that legislation be enacted at an early date to enforce closure of all unessential business establishments on the Sunday allowing only certain small convenience outlets for the general public's well-being somewhat along the lines of the new Ontario legislation on this issue of 1975."

At the next provincial convention in the fall, This issue will cause a considerable battle, especially so because of the upcoming provincial election. There are six months to prepare for it. What will be needed will be a much greater involvement in all the political parties. It is my conviction that Christians can not only have basic structures changed in keeping with God's ways, but also there is all kinds of room for Christ centered people to run for office. Whole ridings could be taken over.

From all ridings in the province of B.C. we will need people who will speak in no uncertain terms to leaders everywhere on all levels of government. One of the most effective ways is for Christians to be voting delegates at the constituency meetings and the conventions. There the issues are decided on. It is a fact that important issues have been lost because the vote was five or six votes short of a majority.

VIEWPOINT

What's wrong with the ...?

I had the pleasure of visiting with various people in the Vancouver area and in Edmonton a month ago. It was designed to be a learning experience to see how the other half of the country lives, and indeed it was. But I found something quite strange.

The people in New Westminster, Langley, Vancouver and Edmonton weren't at all different from the people back home. Life was not easier or slower than in Ontario. The people in New Westminster had soup for lunch on Sunday just like the people in St. Catharines do.

More importantly, they are as concerned about church issues in the West as they are in the East but distance has removed them from the nitty-gritty fragmentation that is so apparent in Ontario.

We went through quite a turmoil in the Canadian community about a decade ago. Few of us can forget the bitterness that surrounded the Association for the Advancement of Christian Scholarship (it was ARSS then). In fact, many people cannot even forget it today. Each article or advertisement by or about that group still brings its share of cancellations.

The striking thing about visiting fellow Reformed Christians in another part of the country, is that you are all part of the same body of believers. We are one in Christ. But that still hasn't sunk in to the minds of many of us. Our blood pressure rises when we mention any one or two of these organizations: Reformed Fellowship, Association for the Advancement of Christian Scholarship, Association of Christian Reformed Laymen, Christian Labor Association, Institute for Christian Studies, Committee for Justice and Liberty. We can add to that list our own little black book of "enemies".

That has been our problem: we can neither forget nor forgive, yet we piously ask our Lord to "forgive us our debts as we have forgiven our debtors." If we can't talk with each other, maybe we can try something else.

We should be able to listen to each other a bit more, read about what "they" are doing and saying. We should be able to bring scholar and layperson together so that they can understand each other. But old wounds heal slowly.

I'll be frank: I'm not happy with some of the things the AACS is doing. Same thing for CJL and Reformed Fellowship. But I sure need to know what they are up to and I want to read what they are doing! You can't be an informed Christian if you don't. That is why you will see stories about the AACS, CJL and Reformed Fellowship ... different viewpoints, but we are all one. And that cannot be denied.

It is interesting how your perspective comes into better focus once you've been away for a while and experienced some of that Western hospitality. We are one body in Christ, yet divided by various degrees of Reformedness. You might say that we are united by our division.

You will hopefully be seeing a bit more "freshness" within C.C. in the future; more articles written by the staff, more news of events as they happen in Alberta and British Columbia (and the rest of Canada). We want to grow and mature and we would like you to help us, especially by submitting articles or ideas of issues that live in your hearts and in your communities.

We all need to grow a bit more. We need to understand each other, too. That comes by reading, listening and talking.

Keith Knight

Keith Knight

NEWSVIEWS

Doctors rebuild a face

There is a hospital in Toronto that "makes faces". The Hospital for Sick Children is rapidly gaining a reputation for intricate surgical work on children and is attracting patients from beyond this country's borders.

The latest in the series of "miracle surgeries" involved 4-month-old Eric Gerken from Ohio who was grotesquely deformed. Dr. Ian Munro is a plastic surgeon, the only one in the world who dares to break, take apart and rebuild the skulls of infants — an awesome task that often involves breaking 90 per cent of the skull and face bones.

The story appeared in a recent issue of The Toronto Star and was written by a woman reporter who was in the operating room during the seven hour operation. She begins her story by saying: "I saw a miracle this week."

Little Eric was born with Crouzon's disease, a rare facial deformity in which the bones of the forehead, cheeks and jaw are caved inward rather than projecting outward. As it was, he would have been blind soon and his brain would not have been able to develop because the skull bones would have restricted the size of the brain.

During the operation, the boy's skin was peeled back, the skull temporarily removed and the bones reformed and tied together by wires. At the end of the seven hour ordeal, he was a beautiful baby, the risk of blindness became minimal, and it is expected that he will be an above-average student when he grows up.

By the time you read this, Eric Gerken will be home with his parents in Ohio.

Dr. Munro co-ordinates 16 different medical specialties — including neurosurgery, ophthamology, anaesthesiology, psychiatry — in order to perform the facial reconstructions.

It is amazing what modern man with God-given talents has been able to do. God gave us the fascinating world of medicine, science and technology and it is simply amazing that we can do so much.

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China and the Gospel — Part 2 of 4

by Rev. Johan D. Tangelder

DATELINE: THE WORLD

Do not forget the persecuted church! A bishop from Slovakia, who spent many years in prison, asked: "Why do we venerate the martyrs of the first centuries and forget the martyrs of the 20th century? Why do we hush up today's witnesses for the faith? Why do you call the church whose members they are, falsely, the Church of silence, although she doesn't keep silence at all, but cries out loud and clear for help and support?"

Have we forgotten the persecuted church? The secular press is virtually silent about the many Christians who spend a large part of their lives in concentration camps and prisons. Even Christian papers report scantily on the plight of Christians living in communist controlled countries. Yet the Bible says, "When one member suffers, all the members suffer with it." (I Corinthians 12:26)

Chinese communists have made life hard for Christians. In Mao's China, violence was a vital ingredient of the revolution. Mao claimed that a revolution is an act of violence whereby one class overthrows the authority of another. He said that a revolution is not a dinner party. In his famous "Hundred Flowers" speech, Mao boasted that the total number of those liquidated by security forces numbered eight hundred thousand up to 1954.

The policy of the Chinese Communist Party, which controls every level of government is the faithful application of the Marxist-Lenninist theory of religion, as interpreted by Mao. The Party sees religion as a hindrance to progress. Believers must be liberated from their religious shackles that hold them in bondage.

As China began its drive for ideological leadership of the Third World countries, it intensified its efforts to induce its population to accept Maoism. In this ideological struggle, every form of religion was rejected, the old traditional religions as well as Christianity. The Christian church was forced underground. Many lives were lost for the sake of Jesus Christ. Missionaries were forced to leave the country. However, Christians should not overlook the fact that China has never known genuine religious freedom. Furthermore, missionaries have been expelled on at least three previous occasions.

The anti-Christian sentiment is deeply rooted in the history of China. China has always had a state religion. Traditional China had its Confucianism and neo-Confucianism. The whole pattern of life was determined by Confucian principles. Traditional China was never adverse to limiting the number of temples, churches, seminaries, etc. It also sought to discourage public proselytization.

Nineteenth century traditional China allowed the ministries of Christian missionaries. It didn't have much choice. The colonial powers often served as protectors of the missionary enterprise. But persecution and riots hindered the cause of missions. The anti-Christian feelings were often reinforced by Confucian scholars, who wanted to preserve historic Chinese culture from the influence of Christianity.

As China attempted to regain full independence, it drastically changed the old system. In 1905, the historic civil service examinations were abolished. Thus one of the bulwarks of Confucian civilization collapsed. In 1911-1912 the second coming bulwark was destroyed when the Manchu rulers, and with them the Confucian monarchy, were swept away.

Republican China replaced Confucianism with its own state ideology. San-minism (Three Principles) of Sun Yat-sen, later mixed with Western liberalism and neo-Confucianism of the Wang Yang-ming school, became the dominant force. This ideology was replaced by Maoism.

Religions in China have faced some measure of official oppostition. Jonathan Choa of the Chinese Graduate School of Theology in Hong Kong comments: "Religions were tolerated so long as they posted no threat to the ruling authority of the state. This was true with traditional China, early Republican China, and early Communist China. Religious persecution of Buddhism during the T'ang Dynasty in A.D.845, for example, was not due to religious reasons so much as to the growing economic power of Buddhism. The persecution of Catholics during the Ch'ing Dynasty from the time of Emperor K'ang-hsi (1663-1772) to the late nineteenth century was also carried out because of the challenge of Catholicism against the sovereign rule of the emperors over the lives of their citizens; it was a conflict of authority over the people's loyalty. Republican China's drive for the Restoration of Education Movement in the 1920's and its consistent control in the realm of education even in Taiwan today reveal the state's self-appointed right over the thinking of its citizens and, through education, over the loyalty of the people. In this regard the Chinese state has always looked upon foreign religious initiative, whether proselytizing or merely teaching, with much suspicion."

LETTERS

South Africa, mental health

Dear Sir:

Two points: It is shocking to me that Mr. James LaGrand puts more stock in the often secular and biased reports of *Wall Street Journal* than in the Christian and balanced report of an eye-witness such as Dr. Schrotenboer. It is precisely such an attitude that precludes any just and peaceable solution to the problems that beset South Africa.

As a sequel to my letter in which I raised doubts about the priority of a Christian College in Ontario, I would like to plead for a *Christian* mental hospital in Canada, along the lines of Pine Rest or Bethesda. We have many people who need the long-term treatment that such institutions can give. The cost of sending them to the U.S. is simply prohibitive. I would like to see Salem or some other organization' work towards this goal. We desperately need such an institution in Canada.

J. Tuininga
Lethbridge, Alberta

A bit about insurance

Dear Sir:

In response to Harry Houtman's "tirades" (in previous C.C.'s) against the life insurance business, I would like to make a few observations and ask a few questions.

Mr. Houtman must have been gypped badly by an insurance agent. He advocates term only, rather than "term and savings," even though most people outlive term (at least 80% if not more!). Instead he suggests to put all your savings money with Christian Stewardship Services, but conveniently (?) overlooks that C.S.S. pays a lot less than can be had under an annuity from life insurance companies. Does C.S.S. have a guaranteed rate of interest?

But enough, I don't think his articles were called for in C.C., since his articles were as much biased *against* life insurance as an agent's agruments would be biased *for* life insurance.

Henk Wittenberg
Oshawa, Ont.

A decentralized denomination

Dear Sir:

I want to congratulate John De Boer for speaking out his feelings on being a Canadian missionary to Nigeria under the auspices of the international CRC denomination. Being a Canadian myself, now residing in Michigan, and having worked two years for the Young Calvinist Federation, I sympathize with some of John's views.

However, I should point out that Canadians have been just as guilty as the USAers in their provincialism. Canadians tent to be brassy and the Americans are just plain smug and comfortable.

So we're both guilty of discrimination. Where do we go from here? I agree with De Boer that we must definitely insist on regional offices. In my past work with YCF I discovered that this particular youth agency would never have a hope on earth to fairly administer its energies for the benefit of young people either living in Houston, B.C. or in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Not only do we suffer from a smug provincialism coming from both sides of the 49th parallel, we also have an over-riding insane inability to assess our fields of labor so that our work will be done efficiently and with cultural elements intact.

A little more active complaining and responsible journalism could go a long way.

Thanks John, for being both right and wrong.

Hans Altena
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Appreciation expressed

Dear Sir:

We, as young adults, wish to extend our appreciation to Vision '74 for making Winterfest '79 possible. Muskoka Sands Inn in Gravenhurst, Ontario was the scene for thirty-five of us, where we attended a relaxing and stimulating four day ski outing. Though we were very diverse in background, we were common in our faith and desire to know and learn more about each other and the world we live in.

Most important we found others that had the same struggles and longings we thought we were alone in. In four short days we made fast and deep friendships and discovered much about each other. Too often young adults are thought of as being in a waiting period: between dating and school of the teenage years and that other world: marriage. There is a lack in the church, somewhere, in providing fellowship, acceptance and work for the young adult group.

Singleness should be a happy, perhaps permanent status and should be accepted as such by the whole church and even, ourselves. We have much to contribute to our church and world and much more time in which to do it!

Thank you Vision '74 for your love and support.

J. VanReeuwyk
Belleville, Ontario

Fewer Canadians attend Calvin Seminary

Dear Sir:

As the wife of a seminary student, and as a person baptized and raised in Christian Reformed churches in Canada, I have a great concern for a trend that I see developing. That trend is that, as it gets harder to study in the United States, fewer Canadian young men are becoming ministers in our church. If we want that trend to continue, that's O.K. with me, but then I want it to be an informed choice, not a gradual drifting towards something that we don't really want.

I predict that, unless something changes drastically, fewer and fewer Canadians will go to Calvin Seminary, and that in 20 years we will have a shortage of Canadian candidates in relation to the number of churches who would like to call a Canadian. I think this would be very sad, because Canadians tend to understand Canadian churches better, and because they usually can converse in Dutch, whereas Americans usually cannot. Furthermore, it is becoming harder for American ministers to immigrate to Canada, and it almost always involves a wait of several months for all the papers to come through. For these reasons I believe it is to our advantage to have Canadian ministers for the Canadian churches.

Now I would like to show why I think fewer Canadians will go to Seminary in the future. The immigration laws of the U.S.A. state that a person can come to the U.S. on a student visa if: he will be a full-time student, he can show that he has enough money to see himself through the year (including living expenses), he will not work except on campus or in work related to his studies (e.g. preaching, teaching catechism, doing youth work). Wife and children may not work at all.

This puts a seminarian's family in an almost impossible squeeze. Four or five years ago it was still possible for a wife to get a work permit which would allow her to go out and work. Now it is almost impossible to get a permit.

A seminarian could work on campus, if he chooses. This too is for minimum wages, and it cuts into valuable study time (or family time). I would estimate that full-time studies take from 40-60 hours a week: any part-time job puts a very heavy burden on the student. And he may not go part-time — it is illegal.

Preaching is another option, of course. A student could preach the same sermon many times over. But here too, there are limits. Every Middler must preach 6 sermons, and every Senior 9, so the sermon requests have to be divided over many students. If there are more requests, they go to those who sign up for extra preaching, but this still does not provide very regular income.

Summer assignments and year-long internships can bring in some money, of course. We managed to save approximately $1,000 one summer. Not every student can do this — many use up their money during the summer. And even $1,000 does not take care of living expenses — it can cover most of the rent, if you're lucky or if you live in a poor neighbourhood.

Classical aid is one other source of income. Our classis gives $1,700. This takes care of tuition ($1,000) and books, with maybe a little left over.

Thus legal income for a family of four might be:

preaching: 10X$20	$ 200
summer assignment: 10 wk. X $165	1650
Classical aid:	1700
baby bonus:	600
	$4150

(We also pay 9 cents exchange on every Canadian dollar: Calvin pays the other 9 cents). Expenses might be:

tuition & books:	$1500
rent (10 mo.):	1500
food (at $25/week, a low estimate):	1200
	$4200

This leaves nothing for utilities, car, clothing or incidental expenses, not to mention church budget or Christian School tuition, dental expenses or medical expenses.

Personally, I can say that the Lord has taken good care of us. We have never had to go hungry or pay our bills late.

For a person considering the ministry, then, the choices seem to be, work illegally in the U.S., or expect your wife to: save for 5 years, then sell your house and go to seminary; live below the poverty line; go anyway, trusting that God will provide (and lie a little when you fill out your visa forms); a combination of the above; decide not to go to Calvin Seminary after all.

Unfortunately, a lot of men seem to be settling for the last one, to the great detriment of our Canadian churches. Since Calvin Seminary is presently the *only* way into the CRC ministry, that means we will have fewer and fewer Canadian ministers. At present, one third of Christian Reformed Churches are in Canada, whereas only 15% of Seminary students are Canadian.

I challenge the Christian Reformed Church in Canada to come to grips with this. To leave things as they are is to say, "Sure, work illegally in the States" or "It's O.K. if we have no Canadian ministers. It makes no difference if the leadership in our churches comes from the States." If we don't want to live with this any longer, the challenge is to come up with some workable alternatives.

(Mrs.) Jane Ouwehand
Grand Rapids, Michigan

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Pastoral Pondering

Care to read a personal testimony?

There are friends of mine who often open a discussion by saying to me "Would you like to hear my personal testimony?" And of course I always tell them I certainly would like to hear it. They tell me some wonderful stories of the grace of God and how they were rescued spectacularly and dramatically out of a life of sin.

But you know, there's always one thing about it that bothers me. I get the uncomfortable feeling that somehow they think that I'm a second-rate Christian because I can't tell a story like that. I have never had that kind of experience. But I don't feel like a second-rate Christian. That is why I want to tell my personal testimony to them and to you.

It goes like this. I can put it in one sentence: I have never known a day in all my life when I could not believe that I was a child of God. Now don't misunderstand. That doesn't mean that I haven't been a great sinner. I have been as great as any and worse than many. We won't go into that. But I just want you to know that no matter how great the sins, there has never been a night in my life when I could not lay down my head and believe that God had forgiven my sins. My parents brought me up that way from the very earliest moments of my life. They brought me up to believe a promise, a covenant promise. They promised me that their God would be my God even if it cost him the blood of his Son.

And that promise has been fulfilled in spectacular ways. Maybe that isn't a spectacular story, but I think it is the most spectacular thing in the world.

(Taken from a sermon of the late Dr. Eldersveld).

First Chr. Ref. Church
Lethbridge, Alberta

Frequency in prayer at mealtimes

Most of the older members of our congregation have been raised with the "custom" of praying before and after each meal. The first prayer was (and is) a prayer of thanksgiving for the bounteous blessings of the Lord: for a new day, health, food and drink, etc. In this country the prayer before a meal is normally referred to as "saying grace" (or saying "thank you Lord!") but a prayer after the meal is not a general custom among our fellow Christian citizens in this country. The second prayer after the meal is also a prayer of thanksgiving for food and drink received, as well as a response to the reading or hearing of God's Word.

There may be some among us who consider the latter to be only a nice or a good custom but not necessarily an essential to our personal or family life. However, I hope that among our families it is not merely seen as a custom but rather as a sound Scriptural practice. The reason for voicing this hope is quite simple. Customs may be changed at will, whereas sound Scriptural practices ought to be maintained unless it can be effectively shown that they should be replaced by even more thorough Scriptural practices.

I am quite concerned about the fact that there are quite a number of families, especially younger ones, where the practice of reading God's Word and prayer after the meals is gradually being discontinued or else dropped entirely. This could be due to either Scriptural ignorance in the matter or else to the attitude of "when in Rome, do as the Romans do." Such actions, sad to say, are not a matter of integration into our Canadian society but rather an act of assimilation to prevailing customs. This can only be detrimental to the individuals or families involved, for it cannot help but lead to greater spiritual poverty.

Perhaps you may wish to use a well-used statement such as, "Your argument may sound nice, but I don't believe that praying after our meals is commanded by God." When I hear such arguments or statements I wish to believe them to be sincere, but they show a glaring Scriptural ignorance. Strong word, you say? Yes indeed, for these words are based on what God has revealed in his Word. In this Word he says, "When you have eaten and are satisfied, you shall bless the Lord your God — beware lest you forget the Lord your God" (Deut. 8:10ff). So you see, praying after each meal is not simply a good custom, but an activity required from us by our covenant God.

Shall we then break with such a good Scriptural practice, while claiming to love God? Would it not be better for all of us to pray more, rather than less, especially when we take into consideration the times in which we live? (cf. I Thes. 5:17, etc.) As such then, a refusal to thank God for his goodness after having received it is equivalent to an intentional dishonoring of his name.

Rev. S. DeBruin
in the *City Guide* of the Canadian Reformed Church
of Edmonton

Covenant is going to build

To build or not yet to build? That was the question put before the members of the Covenant church, as they were gathered for their annual meeting. The discussion got off on a somewhat hesitant start, but it soon became apparent that there was a general desire for "a place of our own." The ideas and thoughts submitted by the audience became bolder and more forward, until in the end the proposal to build, provided there's at least $150,000.00 cash on hand, was unanimously adopted! A historic and joyful moment!

Later, after all other points on the agenda had been dealt with as well, Hymn 316 proved to be a very fitting song to close the meeting. Then, in prayer, God was praised for his goodness and petitioned for his indispensable guidance along the future ways. May he make us all faithful in our commitments!

Covenant Chr. Ref. Church
Woodstock, Ont.

Dinner for the over sixty

The deacons of the Church, in co-operation with the Calvinettes, are giving an annual dinner for the over-60-years-of-age members of our congregation. The Calvinettes have planned a program for after the dinner, especially for you.

This is the Calvinette way of expressing their love and respect for you and a beautiful opportunity to build a bridge between young and old.

Some of you have requested to pay for the cost of the dinner. Anyone wanting to do so can place an envelope on the offering plate, designating it for the Benevolent Fund. We hope that all of you will come out.

Smithville Chr. Ref. Church
Smithville, Ont.

In case you had not noticed

Look at the garden area around the church building after the service. See the spring flowers coming up, the shrubs properly clipped, soil and ground prepared and cleaned up of wintery debris. We like to sing from the children's hymnbook, "Thank you for flowers and trees, sunshine and beauty of nature." Rightly so. John VanderVen who has worked in the garden area all week with pleasure, will be thankful when we show appreciation, by casting our *eyes* on it, and not our feet. When we also guide our children in this way, blooms will soon appear and it may become a little show, worthy of a photograph.

First Chr. Ref. Church
Victoria, B.C.

Happy anniversary, printer

This week it will be 25 years ago since brother Holkema took upon himself the big and time consuming task of printing the bulletin! Twenty-five years! That is a rare accomplishment! We have seen many bulletin printers come and go. We have done the printing ourselves in other congregations and know from experience the rewards, but also the frustrations of doing this kind of job.

Our former pastor, Rev. Schaafsma, once said to brother Holkema: "When you have done this work for 25 years, then you'll get "een zakje drop." We know, however, that our appreciation cannot be expressed even by a thousand "zakjes drop"! We are thankful for what the Lord has given to us as a congregation in the faithful service of our accurate and dedicated bulletin printer. We wish to express our appreciation to him as well as to his wife and children who have assisted him in this big task. We certainly hope that brother Holkema will continue to do this important work for many years to come!

At the end of the morning service, Mr. Holkema was presented with a "zakje drop" and an electric typewriter.

Rev. A. DeJager
Rehoboth Chr. Ref. Church
Bowmanville, Ont.

Calling a meeting of the board

The board of absentees will meet each time a service of the church is in session. They will discuss various ways of keeping attendance as low as possible. They will endeavor to see that there is no enthusiasm, and help to decrease the offerings. The board will also seek to weaken the pastor's influence, and plan various ways to hinder any revival efforts and all visitation programs in or by the church. The board of absentees is composed of the following members: Mr. I.M. Unconcerned, Mrs. O.U. Hypocrite, Mr. and Mrs. U.R. Lazy, Mrs. C. Others, and Mr. I.M. Disgruntled, chairman."

Church News

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—to Chilliwack, B.C., Rev. Herman Praamsma of Toronto (Rehoboth), Ont.

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New address

Rev. Fred Bakker, 1538 Murphy Rd., Sarnia, Ont. N7S 2Y9.

Minister resigns

At its last meeting on March 6, Classis Alberta South regretfully recognized the fact that Rev. A. James Miedema has resigned from the ministry and fellowship of the Christian Reformed Church. May the brother remain in our Father's care.

Paul D. Stadt
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THE BACK TO GOD HOUR

SMALL TALK

Lynn Miller

I share my admiration for the paintings of Norman Rockwell with my father who, when I was a child, used to bring home the Saturday Evening Post every week.

We delighted in the covers of this magazine, wrought by the hands of this famous and much beloved artist. They somehow seemed to bring America, that vast and wonderful push-button country, a bit more within our reach. Its inhabitants were human after all.

They seemed to be afflicted by worries and troubles much like ours and apparently rejoiced in much the same things as those which made us, solemn Dutchmen, happy.

And so, long before I emigrated to this North American Continent, my image of its natives was influenced favorably by one of their own, this man Norman Rockwell, whose talent allowed him to share with us what his keen eyes observed. And now that I live here and have come to love the land and the people as my own, his work speaks to me even more.

It was therefore with sadness that I learned of his recent death, a feeling I shared with millions of people. A wave of magazines with commemorative, nostalgic and appreciative articles almost immediately hit the newsstands.

The editors of one publication had several celebrities reveal and comment on their favorite Norman Rockwell print. I was pleased to find the picture I like best among those that were considered and looked it up again.

"Breaking Home Ties" which appeared on the cover of the Post in 1954 is so utterly true to life in my opinion. I am not qualified at all to rate art as such, but in Rockwell's work I often recognize myself and my own. It's things that fill the ordinary days of ordinary people which he was able to depict so well.

It must have been exactly that aspect of his talent which endeared him to the masses, they saw themselves as he let them look in the mirror of his understanding eyes.

As it was so aptly stated by the editor of the Saturday Evening Post in the introduction to this year's February issue: "Millions of Americans who could never define art, or care to, have treasured a magazine cover or poster done by Rockwell." I looked up another painting which proved to be the favorite of Billy Graham. "Saying Grace" (also 1954) made me wonder. The little boy and his grandmother in such a natural, obviously habitual gesture praying for their meal in a crowded restaurant evoke an immediate feeling of kinship. At the same time however, we are drawn into the apparent stir they cause.

The two teenage boys who share their table stare in amazement and it hurts to realize that saying grace must have been foreign to them. Two older men, one standing behind the boys, the other seated at a different table, seem more familiar with the idea although they appear to doubt whether this bustling restaurant is the right place for it. Or perhaps it brings back memories for them ....

While I studied the picture some more, several questions occurred to me. Was this how it used to be back in 1954?

Did people still stop to ask a blessing on their food, even in a public place? And if so, what was more in evidence; saying grace as a matter of course *or* the apparent ignorance of the boys? We all know what happened since. Seldom, if ever, do we see people bow their head in prayer before a meal in a restaurant.

Our children in public high school cafeterias must have a difficult time with it if they haven't given up on it altogether yet. I must admit that I struggle with it myself at times. I am easily embarrassed and dislike to be "different." Therefore the excuse that a noisy place such as a restaurant or cafeteria is not conducive to prayer, appeals to me.

But I really know better. God, who gives us our daily bread, should be recognized, even in public. As a witness it may also be the spark of recognition between fellow Christians. I am reminded of the young girl who had bowed her head to ask for a blessing in a crowded restaurant only to have an older gentleman stop by her table a bit later to acknowledge the bond he had felt upon observing her. There was also the time when I myself had supper at what appeared to be a very slow and quiet hour of the day for the small-town restaurant and I was heartened by the four gentlemen, the only other customers, who were led in prayer by one of them before they enjoyed their meal.

Actually, if we Christians, all of us, would dare and care to be recognized more in public places, a good and meaningful habit may catch on and be reinstated again in North America's post-Norman Rockwell era!

The open hand to receive and the active hand to give

Paul Tillich, the theologian, is credited with saying that religion is firstly an open hand to receive a gift, and secondly an active hand to distribute gifts; a good definition for stewardship. Contrary to what some people think, stewardship is not primarily giving, but rather receiving. Unless man receives, he has nothing to give. Paul tells the Corinthians that they are full and rich and reign as kings. But he asks them: "Didn't God give you everything you have?" (I Cor. 4:7, TEV). Their hands had been open and received much. Paul now wants them to be active to give as stewards of God.

All man is and all he possesses has come from God. God's covenant with the patriarchs was: "I will bless you, and you shall be a blessing." Only as he blessed them could they be a blessing. Only as we open our hands to receive his gifts can we distribute gifts to others. Christian stewardship is first of all learning to receive.

We can be stewards of life only as we receive that life from God. We can be stewards of abilities and gifts only as the Spirit gives them to us. Paul tells us in I Corinthians 12 that there are diversities of gifts but they are all given by one Spirit. To one is given the gift of wisdom, to others the gifts of knowledge, faith, healing, working miracles, tongues, interpretation of tongues.

We cannot be stewards in witnessing unless we receive from God the power to witness (Acts 1:8). We can be stewards of the gospel only as we have received the gospel. Paul tells the Corinthians, "I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you" (11:23). He strongly insists when he writes the Galatians that the gospel he preached was not received from man but from God. Moses told Israel, "Give as you are able, according as the Lord has blessed you" (Deut. 16:17, *The Living Bible*).

Peter says, "As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God" (I Pet. 4:10). The Christian steward has an open hand to receive the gifts of God and a willing hand to share with others. When he is in a right relationship with God, then God can bless him and he in turn can be a blessing.

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Focus

Third world emphasis at church press convention

Toronto (CCP) — The role of North America's church press in relation to third world countries will be a major emphasis when editors and writers gather next month at the Park Plaza Hotel in downtown Toronto.

This year, members of the Associated Church Press will be joined by the Canadian Church Press for the four-day convention.

Special guests from overseas will be present to discuss the contribution the religious press can make in increasing the understanding of issues that are important to developing countries. Speakers have been invited from Latin America and Africa and a special display of third world publications will be assembled.

Among the guests will be Ronald Englund of the World Association for Christian Communication; Rev. Stanford Shauri, general secretary of the Christian Council of Tanzania, and Ezekiel Makunike, director of the Africa Literature Centre in Zambia.

Malcolm Muggeridge, British author, broadcaster and critic, will be guest speaker at the Canadian Church Press Awards luncheon on April 30. Other guest speakers will include Peter Newman, editor of Maclean's, Canada's weekly news magazine, and Most Rev. E.W. Scott, primate of the Anglican Church of Canada and moderator of the World Council of Churches.

In other business sessions, delegates will discuss the role of the church press with regard to corporate social responsibility issues and with regard to evangelism. Professional development workshops will deal with writing, newspaper and magazine layout and the production of newsletters.

Study on status of children is demanded

Ottawa (CCP) — The Alliance for Life, the co-ordinating body for the nation's pro-life groups, has called on the federal government to establish a Royal Commission on the Status of Children.

Connie Osborn of Goderich, Ontario, alliance president, said attitudes towards children have deteriorated since the alliance called for a similar royal commission nine years ago.

She said the alliance was not only concerned with the "appalling rise" in the number of abortions, but also child abuse and "an uncaring attitude toward the young."

"We contend that they are all very closely related, and this is the predictable result of the assumption that one segment of society can be arbitrarily declared non-persons and deprived of all rights at will," she said at a press conference here.

The Alliance for Life, which is involved in the educational and not the political thrust of the pro-life movement, noted that in the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of the Child, the preamble notes the need to protect the unborn.

The alliance wants the royal commission to review the welfare of all children "from conception onwards in accord with the preamble of the U.N. declaration."

Since 1979 is the International Year of the Child, the alliance pointed out that the focus of this program is on children from birth to 18.

by Ralph Heynen

PASTORAL COUNSELLING

Qualities of a childlike faith

There is something beautiful about the enthusiasm of those children that were included in that triumphal march of Jesus in Jerusalem on that first Palm Sunday. They didn't understand the meaning of it, in fact even their parents didn't understand it too well, but they felt the excitement that was in the air and they joined in with such enthusiasm that the Pharisees felt that the children should be silenced. They told Jesus to tell the children to be quiet. Jesus' response was one that defended the enthusiasm of those children, "If these be silent the very stones would cry out." There is something beautiful about the faith of a child. I think Jesus had this in mind when he told us to come like little children to enter into the Kingdom of God.

In the life of a child there is a certain period when the word of his father, mother or teacher are the last words of authority on any subject. You listen to the discussion between youngsters and one will say, "My dad says so and he knows," or "My mother told me," or "My teacher told me." It makes very little difference to a youngster whether the father of the boy happens to be an authority on a given subject, he still feels his dad knows best. He has a sense of security to be able to have faith in his parents. He is a child who feels insecure within himself, but when he can lean on his parents this gives him a sense of security. This person who looks so big, strong and powerful is the one in whom he has an implicit trust.

Childlike faith has in it that quality where there is a simplicity of trust because there is a trust in the person. I think our faith in God needs that. Adults ask questions, wonder and have doubts, but you look at a child with that simple trust and you ask him, "Do you believe in Jesus?" And he says, "Yes, I sure do." When you get a bit older you begin to question some of these things. It brings out, of course, a tremendous responsibility for parents to be trustworthy so that children can rely upon us, but on the other hand we also can learn from them a simple quiet trust that gives security in life.

Children expect that their parents are going to be truthful with them. They ask questions, sometimes embarassing questions, and we have a tendency often to be a bit dishonest. There are a lot of children who have been taught that babies come out of the doctor's bag, or that the stork brought the baby, but parents are becoming much more frank and there are neat little books that you can give your children that show that this is not the case. We don't tell them the real thing, but sometimes we do this with good purpose.

A father died in a family and the little boy asked his mother where his daddy was and when he would be back. She tried to put it off because it was awfully hard for her to talk about this, but she said, "Daddy is in heaven and someday we will meet him there." The little boy replied, "I want to see daddy now." The mother said, "You can't do that." The child then said, "Why did we put his body in that coffin in the grave if he is in heaven?"

These are the questions which become so difficult for us to handle, particularly when we are under the shock ourselves. We can shock a child's confidence in his parents, but the beauty of the Christian faith is that we can rely completely upon the word of God. When he speaks, we know it is the truth, there is no lie in him. Yet do we really believe his promises in that same way that a child accepts his parent's words?

I believe being childlike reaches down to the ordinary things of life. We tell children that certain things that we have set before them are good for them. They ought to eat spinach, etc. (even though we don't like vegetables either), but we want our children to eat them. So we tell them this is good for a growing youngster, but when you grow older it doesn't do much good for you any more — it's good for children.

Jesus talks about the faith of a little child — when we become teenagers our faith is possibly of a different type. We no longer have that simple trust that accepts things as the word of God, but we begin to ask questions. What makes the Christian world better than the world out there?

Another factor that we need to develop in our lives is security in the presence of God in the person of Christ. We cannot allow this to slip. As we become a bit older we think we can take care of ourselves pretty well. We become a bit better educated and we think we can answer our own questions and we reason things out rather than trusting more simply in the words that God speaks. We have a tendency to move more and more into that area of life. You find some people who have developed a strange sense in which the self image has been over-rated, particularly by themselves. "I don't need all this help, I can handle my own problems. I don't really need these things that the church offers, after all, I know my way around in this world." This is a drifting away from the relationship of a childlike trust in God.

I know we don't want to be childish. Jesus condemns this in his parable about the children in the market place. Childishness is wrong because it is petty and it tends to become the type of thing where people rely upon others to the point where they can't handle their own needs. Childlikeness is something that never grows out of date and as we move through life this is one quality to which we ought to hold.

A lot of people find their security in education, in money, possessions, a good bank account, or a lot of people find it in organizations — in a union or some other type of organization. I'd like to see more of this in our Christian lives. We look at the Christian life as having a certain set of facts, of creeds, but that is not enough. We need some of the spirit of those children on the streets of Jerusalem who spread their palms and shouted "Hosannah! Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord." They didn't understand it all, but they had faith — a simple childlike faith; the kind of faith that you and I need in our lives. To give more meaning to life we need to develop this and what better way than to fix our eyes on the one whose hand was pierced by the nails of the cross and yet this same hand also guides and directs your life and mine.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Did you ever see a river that was as straight as an arrow? I am sure that you never did because they wind back and forth through the countryside. Why is it never straight? Because it follows the line of least resistance. Many people are like that, too.

The Reformation of the Church

by James A. DeJong

Mr. DeJong is a Theology instructor at Dordt College.

Renewal — When does a church reach such an intolerable degree of apostasy, indifference, or flagrant doctrinal deviance that it becomes impossible for a faithful, Bible-believing Christian to remain identified with it? That question is being raised in some quarters in the Christian Reformed denomination. It is indeed a difficult question; ultimately an intensely individual question that, in good faith, cannot be faced lightly nor pressed in on a church cavalierly from the outside. If one ultimately reaches that point, it can only be after long, soul searching struggle which distinguishes prayerfully between critical and superficial issues. It is also imperative that the motives of those raising such questions be weighed and scrutinized insofar as that is possible. That kind of observation and reflection can perforce never be hasty, but must be extended.

But since the issue is being raised by some, even being foisted on the consciousness of communities which probably would not have thought about, much less discussed the issue last night, last week, or last year, without something approaching a campaign in consciousness-raising, I offer the following thoughts for your consideration.

First, Christians must distinguish between core or essential ingredients of the faith and those that are secondary. The core issues of faith are spelled out in the Apostles Creed, as amplified and sharpened in confessional documents of a particular tradition. Yet, even the undermining of such a basic truth as the full deity of Jesus Christ did not cause Paul to write off the Colossian church!

Second, to reject the authority of Scripture is to reject an essential component of the Protestant creed. To have a difference of exegetical opinion on an issue such as women in ecclesiastical office, for example, may not necessarily mean that one party in the debate has rejected Biblical authority. It may mean that he simply doesn't know how to read and interpret the Bible he acknowledges as authoritative. You don't usually split churches over issues of ignorance, even exegetical ignorance!

Third, it is a myth that churches once gone astray are incapable of being reformed. To posit that position is to come dangerously close to questioning the power of the Holy Spirit to bring renewal and to rejecting the sovereign grace of God. To take that position is certainly to be historically inaccurate. The work of the second reformation in the Dutch churches, the Pietists in German Lutheranism, the work of Edwards, Wesley, Whitefield, John Newton, and others in the eighteenth century, the emergence of neo-orthodoxy — whatever you may think of it as a theology — have all brought spiritual, Biblical renewal in various churches and denominations. Churches can be reformed; they have been!

Fourth, schism or withdrawal does not seem to be a valid option for those convinced of his or her church's error.

But finally and most importantly, remember that an emphasis on a church's weaknesses and faults at a given point in history can lead to distortion that comes dangerously close to violating the ninth commandment. Be sure to look for and to stress ways in which God is working in and is using your church. For your own spiritual health and your church's, emphasize and support these signs of the kingdom. One communion form says that genuine fellowship with sowers of sects, mutiny, and discord is impossible. Of course! For these attitudes are destructive of all that is wholesome, and they are pivotally opposite to the joy of the kingdom.

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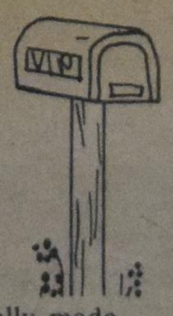

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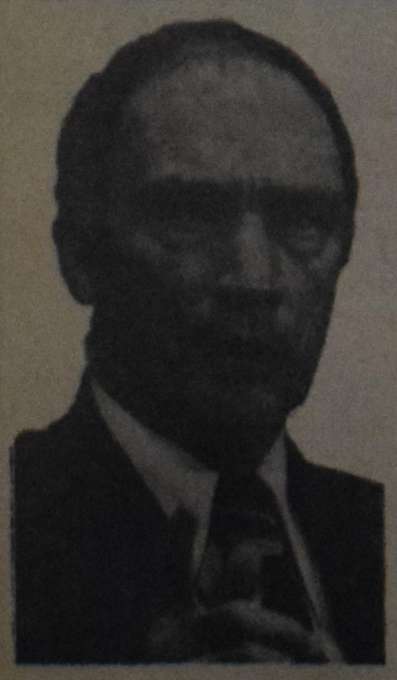

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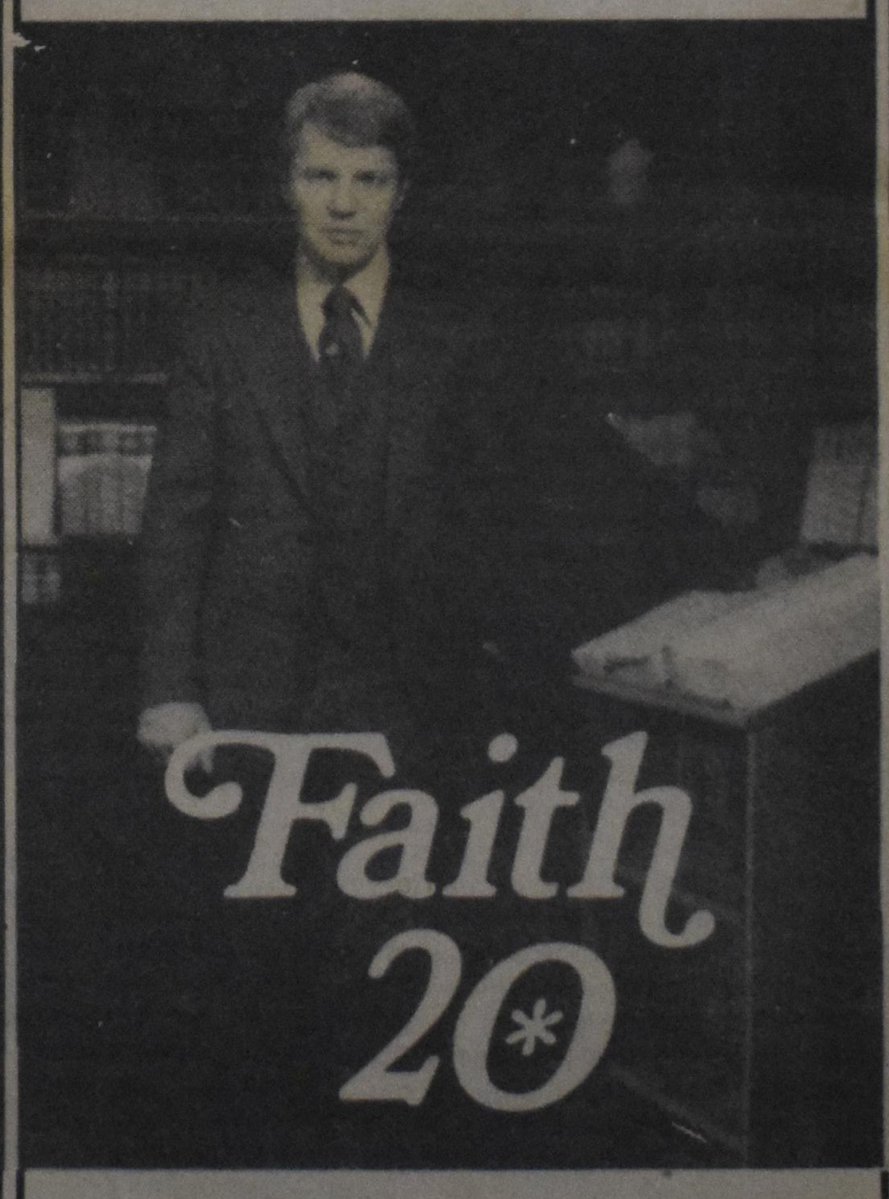

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ANNE HUTTEN

We played hooky from church on a recent Sunday evening. It was one of those busy Sundays, with company after church, another lot after lunch, and an extra kid for the day. Around four thirty, when I was reluctantly pulling out some pork chops, the phone rang.

It was Evon, a neighbor (by rural standards), and a widowed friend of mine. "Would you folks like to come over for supper?" Of course we liked, although I warned her about the disturbance of the peace generally caused by five boys, and about the inroads they would make on her food supply. As soon as chores were done, we scrubbed the hay and mud off the boys and went off for pizza, baked beans, scalloped potatoes, two kinds of pie, and bran muffins.

Evon asked us to come along to a hymnsing at Somerset, a small community some twelve or fifteen miles from here. We dropped the boys off at home, as it promised to be a late event; then picked up another neighbor and drove to the Somerset Hall.

And you know, that was one of the most enjoyable Sunday evenings we've spent for a long time. Leading the Sing was Ralph Nauss, a truck driver who's full of music and good cheer. The hymnbooks contained lots of peppy tunes, and the pianist livened them up even more. We sang all together, or in two groups (Let's see which side has the best voices!). Three of them sang "Low in the Grave He lay," with everyone singing the rousing chorus. Two little girls contributed "Mummy Told Me Something," very deadpan and very off tune. Two older girls brought a guitar and sang a couple of numbers. Ken Rafuse, who is part of a local quartet of gospel singers, got up with wife and daughter and also added some flavor.

There were surprisingly good voices in the Hall that night. Obviously those who really love to sing come here regularly. One of them is Jerry Morine, who also performs with Wolfville's Little Theatre group. He sat down beside the pianist during the lunch hour and launched into "The Stranger of Galilee". When he soared into high F with that beautiful tenor of his, we thought he'd lift the roof off the Hall.

Others contributed a strong base, which came in handy on a hymn that we heard for the first time. On the chorus, the base starts off very low - Now let us - - - and the whole group joins in on "Have a little talk with Jesus". (Let us) tell Him all about our troubles, (He will) hear our faintest cry!

The Auburn-Aylesford Handbell Choir, composed of ten senior citizens, did several numbers. That's a real art, with each member only playing two of the notes. Charlie Parking, one of the group, was asked to close in prayer, and did so in simple words.

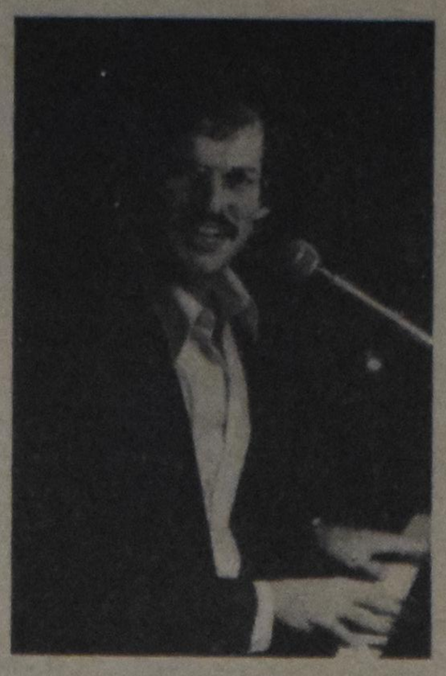
Charlie is an old friend of mine, as of last year. He's a great big guy with a face like a friendly beagle, and when I went up to greet him, he wrapped an arm around me immediately. His "business card" tells a lot about him. Formally printed, it contains the following information: Charles Parker, Retired. No Phone, No Address, No Business, No Worries, No Money, No Prospects.

His personality is like that, relaxed and easygoing; but he's also a powerhouse in the provincial federation of senior citizens. And the entire gathering reflected a similar mood — farmers, ministers, old and young, every possible denomination. (Father Benny, the Catholic priest at Berwick, comes when his other duties permit — he has a marvelous voice and loves to sing in public.)

In his closing prayer, Charlie mentioned the recent mine disaster at Glace Bay. Once again ten men were dead, and half a dozen more are seriously burned. Once again the province stops to consider the lives of men who work far from daylight, underneath the seabed, in the ongoing battle for a source of fuel. It doesn't look like an appealing job, but then there isn't all that much choice of work in Cape Breton. Generation after generation, men from the same families keep going down the shaft.

And on a lighter note, the carpenter who is putting a new floor in my study just leaned over my desk to look at a note. "Is that shorthand?" he asked, puzzled by some strange squigglies on the paper. "That" was my handwriting. Which explains why relatives prefer my typed letters. At least those are legible.

James Ward on Alberta tour



James Ward, contemporary Christian rock/jazz pianist and vocalist, will share his unique brand of high-energy music with Alberta audiences this spring in Calgary, Edmonton and Lethbridge.

The tour, sponsored by the three Young Calvinist Leagues of Alberta, will be the first ever for Ward in Western Canada. A graduate of Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, Tennesee, Ward made his first entry into the public's eye when the Grammy award winning gospel group, the Imperials, recorded his song, "Holy Spirit, Speak To Me" on their "No Shortage" album.

After a brief period touring the eastern United States and Canada, with the jazz/rock group called Elan, Ward returned to solo acoustic piano concerts and the response to his solo performances has been highly applauded by thousands of concert goers, especially college audiences. Ward is managed by Hans Altena of the MTD Talent Agency and will release his latest album "Mourning To Dancing" on the Music A.D. Records label this spring.

The Alberta tour will no doubt be a first in many returns. Sponsors wishing to engage Ward should contact MTD Talent Agency, Box 7452, Grand Rapids, MI 49510. Or by calling 616-241-3787. The Alberta concert dates are: May 4 - Calgary, 5 - Edmonton, 6 - Lethbridge.

World missions update

National campaign for native rights

Ottawa (CCP) — Leaders of six Indian and Inuit organizations from Yukon to Labrador took their case for native rights to the people in a national campaign that began here March 15.

In an attempt to have their land claims recognized by the Minister of Indian Affairs, the leaders outlined their positions to the political parties, the press and the public in Ottawa. A similar presentation was made at the same time in Vancouver. Six teams of native speakers moved across the country to visit every major Canadian city.

The campaign was decided on at a Saskatoon consultation last fall convened by Project North and other southern support groups to organize the national campaign.

Some 35,000 people are represented by the native leaders. They are people who are the majority of the permanent residents in the areas they have traditionally occupied, and have never surrendered their land or given up their aboriginal rights.

The Council for Yukon Indians, the Dene Nation of the Mackenzie Valey, Inuit Land Claims Commission of the North West Territories, the Nishga Tribal Council of north-western British Columbia, the Naskapi-Montagnais Innu Association of Labrador and the Labrador Inuit Association are joining forces for the campaign. They have ali presented the government with proposals for recognition of their rights and for settlement of their claims.

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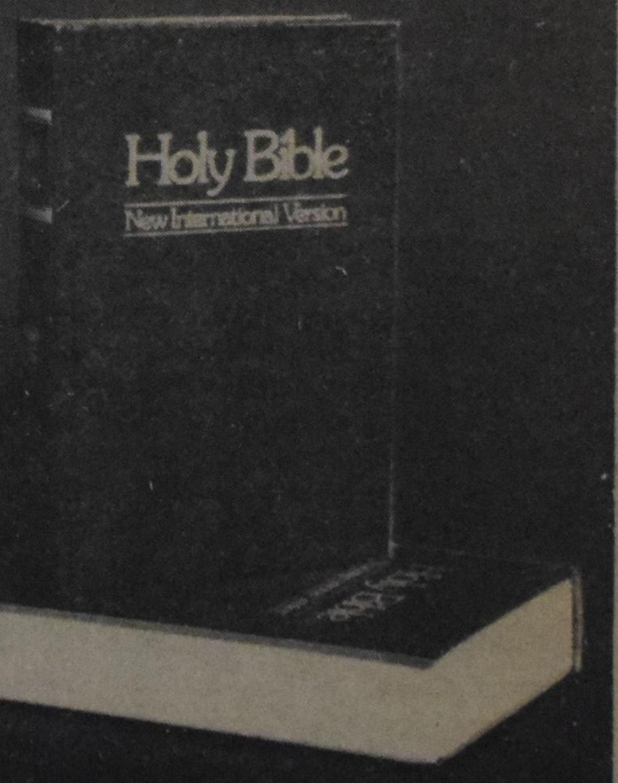

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Van Marion to appear with Ont. Christian Music Assembly

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Mr. Van Marion visited Canada some years ago with the 200 voice "Katwijk's Christian Male Choir Jubilate," which is one of several well-known choirs he directs in The Netherlands.

Organist Van Marion is the soloist on many recordings. He is also known for his improvisations on well-known songs.

A sound technician will be along on the trip to record many famous Canadian organs and interview organists for Mr. Van Marion's radio program in Holland.

After Canada, he will move on to the U.S.A. for a series of programs there.

He will be in Bowmanville in Rehoboth Christian Reformed Church on Saturday, May 5 at 8:15 p.m. and in Toronto in Metropolitan United Church, 51 Bond St., one and a half blocks east of Yonge and Queen streets, on Monday, May 7 at 8:15 p.m.

Tickets are available from Ontario Christian Music Assembly, 90 Topcliff Ave., Downsview M3N 1L8, and at the door.

Senior citizens home goes up

Another milestone has been reached in the Chatham, Ont. Christian community. Chatham has long been known for its solid support for Christian education. A good deal of attention and money has in the past been paid to building churches, elementary school, additions to the school, secondary school, and expansion of all these facilities. In 1978 a large auditorium at the high school and a mini-gym at the elementary school kept the community busy and excited.

Now comes 1979. Finally, after many years of struggling and planning, a Christian senior citizens home will be built for the people who started all the activities many years ago. A piece of the former high school sports field, located at Pine and Elm streets, has been purchased and a 3-storey, 30-unit apartment building will be built this summer.

"Fellowship Home," reflecting the atmosphere envisioned of people enjoying their golden years together, will feature 5 different types and sizes of 1 and 2-bedroom units. In addition there will be lots of common areas for social get-togethers, games room, work shop, as well as a central elevator. The complex is designed to be attractive, roomy, and most comfortable. Prospective tenants will have the option of purchasing their own unit by way of a "life interest" lease by investing in the project and paying a monthly maintenance charge, or renting a unit on a month-to-month basis.

The building project this summer will be phase one of a two-phase program as another 30 units can be added at a later date.

Calvinettes — "Seeking God with all our hearts"

by Joanne Ilbrink

Mrs. Ilbrink is executive director of Calvinettes.

"We should try to seek God with all our hearts. He made us in his own image. He has given us very special talents, which he wants us to use to his honor and glory. That means we should give our best in everything we do."

Vicky Vander Velden, a Calvinette from Lynden, Washington wrote these thoughts in response to the Calvinette theme for this year: "Seek Me with All Your Heart," based on the words of Jeremiah 29:13.

During this season Calvinettes in more than 650 churches all across Canada and the United States have concentrated on ways in which they can seek the Lord. Over 4,000 dedicated counselors have helped girls in Bible studies that pointed out God's love in his plan of redemption. Together counselors and girls have seen God's majesty as they explored parts of creation. They have come to realize that seeking the Lord is a lifetime responsibility, and they have come to realize that seeking the Lord with all their hearts brings a joy which shows in every part of their lives.

It's been an exciting and rewarding year for girls and counselors too. Recently a counselor from Ontario wrote to us: "I find that Calvinette leaders play a large role in the future of the church as they help mold lives of young people. I have experienced great thankfulness when I see former Calvinettes profess their faith in Christ, and see some of my early Calvinettes serving as counselors or active in other church work. So we see that the Lord is faithful in building his church."

A counselor from Michigan wrote about working with community girls: "It's rewarding to get feedback from the girls, especially when a girl who didn't even know where the book of Genesis was when she started Calvinettes now says, 'God is love, and you should love him.'"

These women are giving of themselves, their talents and their time to serve the Lord and to help lead girls into a living relationship with Jesus Christ. They are working with other leaders in your church to assist in the development of Christian character, love, and discipline in young girls of your church family and your community.

We thank you for the encouragement and support you have given to your local clubs and to the Calvinette organization. Join us this week as we give thanks to God for the blessings he has showered on us in this season, and join the girls and counselors of your church in "Seeking the Lord with All Your Heart."

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Alma: girl, 17; looking for summer job in Ontario. Preferably Kitchener or Guelph area. Have transportation. I'll do almost anything. Phone (519) 638-2270 or write: M. Zoer, R.R.#1, Alma, Ontario N0B 1A0.

Barrie: 14 year old girl seeking any type of summer employment, preferably on a farm. Phone Esther Siesling at (705) 726-6808 or write: R.R.#2, Barrie, Ont. L4M 4S4.

Beamsville: a 16 year old girl would like a job as a mother's helper or housekeeper for the summer. Have experience. Joanne Van Rooyen, R.R.#1, Beamsville, Ont. L0R 1B0. Phone (416) 562-5459.

Bowmanville: 16 year old High School student seeks summer employment. Please contact: Ken Van Abbema, Middle Rd., R.R.#1, Bowmanville, Ont. L1C 3K2; Tel 623-7037.

Bowmanville: 15 year old high school student looking for summer employment. Preferable in greenhouse or flower shop, but willing to take anything. Please reply to Ron Visser, 29 Hilltop Dr., Bowmanville, Ont., L1C 2X7. Phone 623-7394.

Burlington: Ed Jager, 18 years old, seeks summer work doing anything anywhere. Has experience in steel working, retailing and library work. Write: 642 Appleby Line, Burlington, Ont. or call (416) 634-1202.

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Dunnville: 17 year old boy looking for summer job on a dairy farm or construction site. Write: Ray Vandervliet, 115 Park Ave. E. Dunnville, Ont. Tel. 774-4611.

Dunnville: I am a Dordt student, looking for a summer job of any kind, except in farming. I can start any time after May 21. Please contact Carolyn Van Soelen, R.R.2, Dunnville, Ont. N1A 2W2. Phone 416-386-6198.

Fergus: 16 year old male student seeking summer employment. Farm work preferred. Have some experience in farm work. Please call 519-843-5697 or write to A. Kleine Deters, R.R.#1, Rockwood, Ont. N0B 2K0. Can start last two weeks in June, through the summer.

Fordwich: I am an 18 year old student entering RBC in the fall. I will take any job but preferably, I would like a job which involves retailing. I have a few years experience in farming and some experience in selling. Please contact Raymond Borg, R.R.#1, Fordwich, Ontario. Phone (519) 335-3669.

Gorrie: 16 year old girl is looking for summer employment, preferably in a greenhouse or florist shop. Please reply to: Shirley Versteeg, R.R.#2, Gorrie, Ontario, N0G 1X0. Phone 335-6231.

Grimsby: I am a 15 year old, Christian girl, seeking summer employment. (will be 16 in July). I am looking for any kind of job that I can get. I also have experience in babysitting and light house keeping. Please contact: Sandra Van Staalduinen, 364 Book Road, North, Grimsby, Ontario, L3M 2M6.

Guelph: 16 year old high school student looking for summer employment. Please call Rick Ensing 519-824-7854 after 5 p.m. or write to 49 Albert St., Guelph, Ont. N1G 1C7.

Guelph: Lynda Fledderus, 15 year old student, willing to do any type of summer work. I would like a job as a mother's helper. I am experienced in babysitting and housework. Prefer room and board. Please call (519) 824-4374 or write: 21 Fairmeadow Dr., Guelph, Ont. N1H 6A2.

Hagersville: 17-year old experienced home-maker is looking for employment. Prefers room and board. Reply to: Miss JoAnne Smit, R.R.#5, Hagersville, Ont., N0A 1H0 or phone (416) 768-5633.

Hamilton: My name is Anthony Van Huis, and I'm 15 years of age. I love outdoor life and am looking for a summer job on the farm. 276 Brucedale Ave. E., Hamilton, Ont. L9A 1P9. Phone: 383-2067.

Hamilton: I am a Calvin student looking for any type of work this summer. I can start June 1st. Please write or call: Corry Geerts, 117 Eldersveld Hall, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49506 U.S.A.; (616) 942-9510 ext. 2341. My home address is: 278 Sanatorium Rd., Hamilton, Ontario L9C 2A1; phone (416) 383-5516.

Hamilton: 16 year old, Christian girl, seeking summer employment. Willing to do domestic work. Please call, Nanda Veldstra 416-389-6977, or write to 135 Burrwood Dr., Hamilton, Ont., L9C 3T3.

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Hamilton: sixteen year old girl seeking summer employment. Willing to do any type of work. Will live-in. Marlene Hagen, 331 Cranbrook Drive, Hamilton, Ontario L9C 4T4; phone no. 389-4856.

Hamilton: 16 year old boy is looking for any type of work this summer in the Hamilton area. Please phone or write: Paul Hornsveld, 1693 Upper Wellington St., Hamilton, Ontario, L9B 1P1; Tel. 383-0183.

Hamilton: I am a 17 year old girl looking for summer employment. Willing to do anything. Have babysitting experience. Please contact: Wendy De Groot, 668 Rymal Rd. E., Hamilton, Ont. L8W 1B3. Phone (416) 385-9835.

Harriston: My name is Betty Teune. My address is R.R.#3 Clifford. I am 16½ years old and would like to work as a recreation leader but am willing to be a live-in babysitter, or a mother's helper.

Holyrood: Eighteen year old girl would like a farm, greenhouse or babysitting job. Dairy farm and babysitting experience. Contact: Miss Kathy Duiker, R.R. #1, Holyrood, Ontario. N0G 2B0.

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Kincardine: Wayne Luinstra, age 17, would like any type of work. Last summer worked on a farm. Has part-time job in grocery store during school season. 157 Inverness St. S., Kincardine, Ont. N0G 2G0. Tel. (519) 396-3138.

Kingston: 18 year old student, experienced in babysitting, housekeeping, mother's helper. Last summer worked at a motel. Willing to learn new work. Enjoy working with and looking after animals. Willing to live in. Available for last two weeks in June, till end of August. Please contact: Miss Kathleen Breurkes, 29 West Moreland Rd., Kingston, Ontario, K7M 1J4. Phone 1-613-544-5609.

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Mississauga: Wendy Koenes, 4329 Wilcox Road, Mississauga, Ont. L4Z 1C3; phone: 277-8578. Age: 15 (16 in April) I am in grade 10. I am looking for a job as a mother's helper. I am able to work from the last two weeks in June to the end of August.

Mississauga: My name is Arnold Koenes, I am 5'10'' and weigh 145 lbs. I am 14 years old and I would like to help on a dairy farm or a mixed farm. I am available for the last two weeks of June till the end of August. I have had some past experiences on dairy farming. 4329 Wilcox Rd., Mississauga, Ont. L4Z 1C3; phone: 277-8578.

Moorefield: My name is Patricia Tacoma. I am fourteen years old and in grade nine. I am willing to do any type of job, but I am especially looking for a job as a mother's helper. I am an experienced babysitter and know how to handle children. My address is: R.R.#1, Moorefield, Ontario, Canada N0G 2K0. Phone (519) 638-2604.

Moorefield: I am a 17 year old student and would like to have a summer job preferably as a mother's helper. I am experienced in babysitting and housework. Prefer room and board. Reply to: Joanne Mazereeuw, R.R.#2, Moorefield, Ont. N0G 2K0 or phone (519) 638-2217.

Peterboro: Young man, 18, requires summer employment. Have had limited experience on farm but willing to do anything reasonable. Would require room and board in good Christian home. If you can be of assistance please contact: Martin Vellekoop, R.R.#5, Peterboro, Ont. K9J 6X6. Phone 939-6796.

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St. Catharines: 14 year old girl (15 in June) is looking for a summer job. Willing to do any type of work; preferably mother's helper. Call Karen Verbruggen, 937-1857; 16 Audrey Street, St. Catharines L2N 1G4.

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Strathroy: 15 year old high school student seeks summer employment on a farm. Has some previous experience. Pete Vander Laan, 95 Adelaide St., Strathroy, Ont. N7G 2V1; tel. 519-245-1402.

Sunderland: 17 year old High School student looking for summer employment. Willing to do any kind of work. Please write: Anne Zekveld, R.R.#5, Sunderland, Ontario L0C 1H0.

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Utopia: I am an 18 year old girl looking for summer employment anywhere in Ontario. I've had experience on a farm and as a mother's helper. Please contact: Jane Borger, R.R.#2, Utopia, Ont. L0M 1T0. (near Barrie); phone (705) 424-9414.

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Wyoming: Seventeen year old girl is looking for a job as babysitter or on a cow farm. I have been raised on a sow farm and babysat for 4 years. Please contact: Joanne Verroen, R.R.2, Wyoming, Ont. N0N 1T0. Phone: (519) 899-4435.

Wyoming: Marian Verroen, age 18, likes to find work. I babysat for four years, worked on a pig farm. I like working on a farm. I like to have a full-time job. Telephone 519-899-4435. R.R.#2, Wyoming.

Wyoming: Seventeen year old girl (raised on farm) is looking for summer employment in S.W. Ontario. I am willing to do any kind of work and am willing to learn. Would require room and board in a Christian home. Please contact: Tracy Korvemaker, R.R.#3, Wyoming, Ont. N0N 1T0. Phone: (519) 845-3823.

Montreal, Que.: Female high school student, turning 17 this summer, seeks summer employment, willing to do any type of work. Experience in counselling at a Christian camp and Y.M.C.A. day camp. Also several years experience in babysitting and as a mother's helper. Please contact: Theresa Bouma, 34 Hazel Drive, Dollard des Ormeaux, Quebec, H9B 15C. Phone (514) 683-2057.

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Telkwa: Student summer help. Mother's helper and some dairy chores. Must be good with children and have a good sense of humour. Preference to girl who speaks Frisian. Apply: Robin Creek Farm, R.R.#1, Telkwa, B.C. V0J 2X0. Phone 604-846-5423.

Smithville: Experienced single man for modern dairy farm. Steady employment or summer help. Room and board provided. **Needed Immediately.** West Lincoln dairy farm. R.R.2, Smithville, Ont. L0R 2A0; phone 957-3897.

Runner addresses Netherlands political party

THE HAGUE — Dr. H. Evan Runner, professor of philosophy at Calvin College, addressed delegates from Western Europe as well as from North and South America at an international symposium held April 2-7 on "A Christian Political Option" as the Anti-Revolutionary (AR) Party, a Christian political party in The Netherlands, celebrated its centennial at a seaside resort near the Hague.

The AR Party invited about 30 delegates who are engaged in Christian politics. Americans included Juanita Kreps, the U.S. Secretary of Commerce; Ella Grasso, governor of Connecticut; and Rockne McCarthy, professor of history at Trinity Christian College, board member of the Association for Political Justice, and a member this year of the Calvin Center for Christian Scholarship at Calvin College.

For the AR Party, the first political party in The Netherlands, the centennial "was a happy but sobering occasion" according to Dr. Runner. In 1980 the group will fuse with another Protestant party, the Christian Historical Union, and also with the Catholic Popular Party.

With next year's merger in mind, the symposium planning committee invited Runner and also Dr. Roberto Papini of Rome, Italy to discuss the pros and cons of the political union as seen by Reformed and Catholic thinkers outside The Netherlands. Both men spoke April 4. Runner says the AR Party "wants Reformed principles stated strongly."

Papini, Runner's Catholic counterpart, has been active in the Christian political movement in Western Europe known as the Christian Democratic Party, and has also campaigned throughout Latin America on behalf of Catholic political involvement.

Honored by the privilege of meeting not only the symposium delegates but also members of the parties and of the Dutch government, Runner says he enjoyed the discussions because he holds "strong views favoring a Christian political party as opposed to our (American) meaningless political organization."

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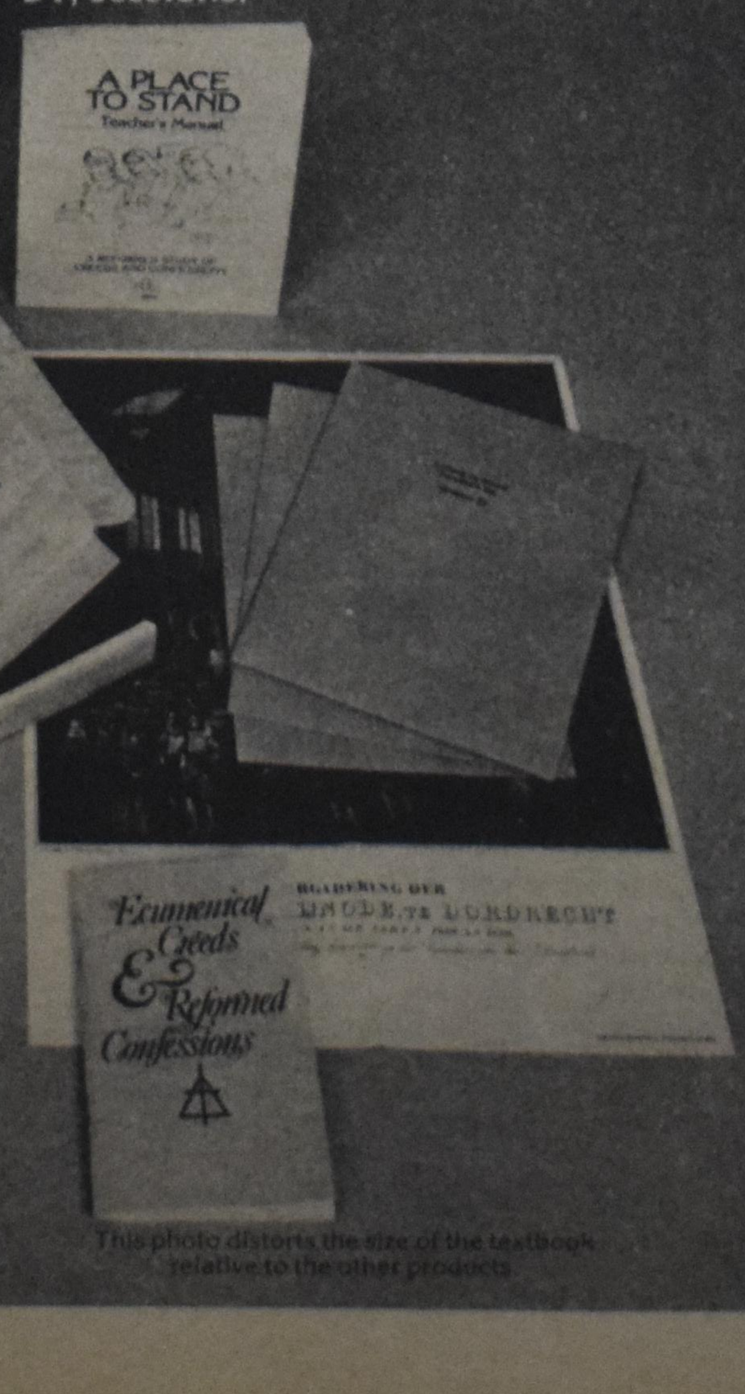
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Caesar Dominus?

Satan gebruikt in Pergamum naast de verleidelijke aesculapius dienst, vooral voor zieken, nog een ander middel om de Christenen ten val te brengen. Dat was de keizer-verering. De Romeinse macht die men belichaamd zag in de Romeinse Keizer moest goddelijke eer worden toegebracht. En het werd dan ook van iedereen geëist dat er beleden werd: Caesar Dominus, De Keizer is Heer! En men moest het niet wagen zo'n bevel te negeren, het kon u het leven kosten. Vlak tegenover deze gemaakte belijdenis stond de in de kerk geboren belijdenis: Jezus Dominus, Jezus is Heer! Zo ontbrandde de strijd tussen de almachtige Jezus en de schier almachtige Caesar. Zo streed satan tegen hen die Jezus niet alleen beleden als Redder, Zaligmaker, maar ook als Heer en Koning!

In het jaar 29 A.D. had men reeds in Pergamum een tempel gewijd aan de goddelijke Augustus en de godin Romè. Zo werd de stad der wereldheerschappij en de man die de scepter zwaaide met goddelijke eer begroet en Pergamum ging daarin voor. De Christenen moesten zich in die tijd maar tevreden stellen met de ''mindere'' baantjes en de ''laagste'' plaatsen in het sociale leven, want als men hoger op wilde, moest men ''meedoen'' en zeker de keizer als god vereren! Zij hielden echter de naam van Christus hoog. Zij bleven alles van Hem verwachten. Zij beleden Zijn Naam, Jezus Dominus, Jezus is Heer.

Als de kerk in zulk een moeilijk parket komt en zich bevindt in een omgeving waar men zegt: zie hier is de Redder, die wij nodig hebben, dan zegt Christus: Ik weet waar gij woont. En dat moet voor ons genoeg zijn. Al wonen we ook bij de troon des satans, al zien we vanuit ons venster de brandstapel. Daar waar wij wonen, daar is Christus, daar blijft Hij met zijn genade, als het moet zijn stervensgenade.

Toen het moeilijk was om Christen te zijn, hebben wij toen ook alles van Christus verwacht? Toen het slecht ging in uw bedrijf, toen uw positie op het spel stond hebt u het toen van Christus verwacht? Hebt u uw leven bij Christus gezocht? En hebt u in de moeilijkheden van de praktijk beleden: Jezus is toch mijn Redder en mijn Meester, mijn Zaligmaker en mijn Heer? Hebben we kracht als het ons tegenloopt; als satan in ons leven komt, kiezen we dan voor Christus en tegen satan? Kiest u voor Christus en tegen het slechte boek? tegen de slechte film? tegen de slechte tijdschriften? tegen Aesculapius en tegen Caesar? Altijd voor Christus, en tegen de antichrist? Zo ja, dan zegt Christus, we behoeven het tenslotte niet van onszelf te zeggen: gij hebt Mijn Naam vastgehouden! Gij hebt het geloof in Mij niet verloochend!

Zo iets lees je in de bijbel met blijdschap. Wat een geweldig getuigenis van Christus. Hij weet waar we wonen, Hij weet wat we doen, hoe we leven en wat we zeggen. En we moeten niet alleen een Hallelujah chorus ''Lord of lords and King of kings'' zingen, maar ook de Naam van onze Koning hoog houden op elk levensterrein. Christus moet ook van onze generatie kunnen zeggen: Gij hebt Mijn Naam vastgehouden! En het vol gehouden tegenover de wereld dat er maar één naam is waardoor wij gered, zalig kunnen worden en dat is de Naam van Jezus!

Er was erg veel moed voor nodig om te belijden dat de Heer Jezus Christus, onze Heiland, Koning, Keizer, Dominus was, en zelfs boven de Romeinse Emperor stond. Zo'n belijdenis kon je immers het leven kosten. En met dat gevaar voor ogen moest er dus wel een echte liefde voor de Heiland in het hart zijn en een vastberaden wil om Hem alleen te volgen, waarheen Hij als Herder, de goede Herder, zijn schapen ook maar wilde leiden.

Nu, die verbondheid aan Christus was er ook bij velen in die eerste christelijke jaartelling, maar ook later. De martelaarsboeken geven er getuigenis van. Ook aan jonge mensen werd als laatste redmiddel het voorstel gedaan: waarom zeg je niet ''even'' de keizer is Heer, in plaats van koppig vol te houden Jezus is Heer, dan word je niet voor de leeuwen geworpen, als een vrij mens mag je naar huis gaan. En soms waren er zelfs familieleden, b.v. een oude heidense grootvader die pleitten: doe het toch, erken de keizer als Heer, ik wil je niet missen, ik vind het zo vreselijk als je door de wilde beesten of de gladiatoren verscheurd of gedood wordt. Maar Jezus Christus kent hun namen: Antipas, Polycarpus, Ponticus, Vivia Perpetua, Johannes Huss, Jan de Bakker, en Hij prijst hen: ''mijn getrouwe getuige.'' Ook toen men voor de zaak van Christus de dood kon in gaan, bleef men trouw en schaamde zich de Naam van Christus niet. En dat weet Christus.

Er past ons maar een verlangen: wij willen ook zo wezen ....

J. VanHarmelen

Geneve het hart van de Cal

door Drs. N. Scheps

Kerk nieuws — 'In de naam van de almachtige God zeg ik u: God zal uw studie en uw rust vervloeken, indien gij ons in zo'n grote nood uw hulp onthoudt en u zelf meer zoekt dan Jezus Christus'. Als Willem Farel dat in juli 1536 eens niet had gezegd tegen Johannes Calvijn, die toen op doorreis van Italie naar het noorden in Genève overnachtte ... Maar Farel heeft deze ernstige woorden wel gesproken en ze hebben op Calvijn, die zich aan de studie wilde wijden en zich zelf voor het praktische werk ongeschikt achtte, een diepe indruk gemaakt. Hij hoorde er de roepstem van God in. Met een onderbreking van drie jaar, nl. van 1538 tot 1541, is hij in Genève gebleven tot aan zijn dood in 1564. Genève werd het hart van de calvinistische reformatie.

Het spreekt dan ook vanzelf dat het grote monument ter ere van het calvinisme in Genève staat. Een monument ter ere van het calvinisme en niet zozeer ter ere van Calvijn. De ontwerpers van het monument hebben de nadruk willen leggen op wat het calvinisme voor verschillende landen heeft betekend. Ze hebben veel meer personen afgebeeld dan alleen Calvijn en dan niet slechts theologen, maar ook staatslieden. Bovendien hebben ze allerlei politieke gebeurtenissen weergegeven, waarbij het calvinisme een belangrijke rol heeft gespeeld.

Vier reformatoren

Het monument is eerst in de twintigste eeuw tot stand gekomen. In Worms en Zurich had men al eerder een gedenkteken ter herinnering aan Luther en Zwingli opgericht. Voor het monument in Genève werd pas in 1909, vierhonderd jaar na de geboorte van Calvijn, de eerste steen gelegd. Het plan tot de oprichting ervan had veel enthousiasme gewekt in de landen waar het calvinisme een grote invloed heeft gehad. Er kwamen tal van giften binnen. Op Genève zelf na leverde Hongarije de grootste financiële bijdrage. Een groep architecten uit Lausanne en twee beeldhouwers uit Parijs vervaardigden volgens de aanwijzingen van de historicus Charles Borgeaud te Genève het monument, dat honderd meter lang is.

CALVIJN
detail van het monument van de Reformatie in Geneve.

Post Tenebras Lux - na de duisternis het licht, deze spreuk van Genève trekt direct de aandacht. Verder vallen er enkele jaartallen op, zoals 1536, 1559 en 1602; 21 mei 1536 - Genève gaat over tot de Reformatie; 5 juni 1559 - de universiteit van Genève wordt gesticht; 12 december 1602 - de hertog van Savoye, die de stad had overvallen en tot in het centrum doorgedrongen was, wordt verslagen en de stad wordt bevrijd. Dominerend is de groep van de vier grote reformatoren Farel, Calvijn, Beza en Knox. Op de sokkel waarop zij staan, kan men de afkorting van de naam Jezus in het Grieks lezen. Daarmee hebben de ontwerpers willen aangeven dat de Reformatie is opgekomen voor de eigen plaats van Christus als het enige hoofd van Zijn kerk - 'den levenden steen, door de mensen wel verworpen, maar bij God uit-

PERSOVERZICHT

Carl D. Tuyl

• De eerste schermutselingen in de verkiezingsveldslag zijn nu achter de rug. Na de eerste ronde verklaar ik de stand nog steeds nul, nul, nul. Er is nog geen doelpunt. Trudeau noemde het verraad, of tenminste bijna verraad, om nationale eenheid niet als hoofdzaak in deze verkiezing te beschouwen, en Clark sprak even zijn mond voorbij toen hij verklaarde dat overtredingen van de wet door de R.C.M.P. niet zo erg zou zijn als het de goedkeuring zou hebben van het kabinet, en Broadbent werd even erg kwaad toen er op gewezen werd dat de steun die hij krijgt van het Canadese Arbeids Congress toch eigenlijk neerkomt op een soort geldelijke bijdrage. De tweede ronde gaat nu beginnen. Wie zal er een bloedneus krijgen?

• In Engeland is de verkiezing bloedig begonnen. Een vooraanstaand lid van het Parlement, en invloedrijk adviseur van Margaret Thatcher, leider van de Conservatieve Partij, werd gedood in een bomaanslag uitgevoerd door de Ierse Republikeinen.

• Italianen moeten ook weer spoedig naar de stembus. Ze zullen de weg wel weten. Het wordt de derde verkiezing in zeven jaar. Konflikten in het koalitie-kabinet bleken te scherp en te diep te zijn.

• President Carter heeft nogal een politiek waagstuk uitgevoerd. Hij heeft namelijk maatregelen getroffen tot bezuiniging van energie-gebruik door het verwijderen van prijs-kontrole op olie produkten. De prijs van benzine zal daardoor aanmerkelijk stijgen in Amerika.

• De kernreaktor in Middletown, Pensylvania, is tot bedaren gekomen. Evakuees keren weer terug naar de bedreigde streek. Het verwijderen van radio-aktieve stoffen kan wel jaren duren. Als gevolg van dit ongeluk bezint de hele wereld zich op het gebruik van energie op deze manier verwekt.

• De voormalige Prime Minister van Pakistan, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, stierf aan de galg. Hij had geweigerd om genade te vragen.

• Khomeini heeft in Iran bepaald dat het land van nu aan een Mohammedaanse Republiek zal zijn.

• De berichten uit Oeganda vermelden dat de hoofdstad Kampala in handen is van de troepen uit Tanzanie. Idi Amin was niet thuis. Er is geen zekerheid over zijn tegenwoordige huisvesting.

• De vakvereniging van de postsorteerders was nogal verontwaardigd over het nieuwe kontrakt dat ze via een bemiddelaar ontvingen. Volgens de wet mag de post niet staken tijdens een verkiezing, maar wie weet wat er na 22 mei gebeuren? Het is al weer zo lang goed gegaan nietwaar?

• Kranten besteedden hele pagina's aan uittreksels van Margaret Trudeau's boek waarin ze helemaal buiten adem van opwinding vertelt wat voor soort drugs ze allemaal gebruikt heeft, wie er in haar ogen heeft gekeken, en wie haar decolleté bewonderd heeft. Voor deze ontboezemingen verwacht men dat ze een miljoen dollar zal opstrijken. Ik lees nog liever Bulletje en Boonestaak van vroeger. En als U weet wat ik daarmee bedoel bent U al niet zo jong meer.

vinistische Reformatie

verkoren en kostbaar' (1 Petrus, 2,4).

Dat Theodorus Beza en John Knox een plaats naast Farel en Calvijn hebben gekregen, ligt voor de hand. Beza was de eerste rector van de universiteit van Genève. Dat is hij vele jaren geweest. Bovendien was hij er predikant. De universiteit is gelijk bekend voor de verbreiding van het calvinisme in Europa van groot belang geweest. Calvinistische theologen van naam hebben aan deze academie hun opleiding ontvangen: Knox, Marnix van Sint Aldegonde, Caspar Olevianus, om er maar enkele te noemen. Gedurende het rectoraat van Beza hebben minstens 273 Nederlanders in Genève gestudeerd (A. en H. Algra, Dispereert niet, 1, 292). Ook Calvijn heeft aan deze universiteit gedoceerd. Mede uit zijn colleges is zijn grote reeks commentaren gegroeid. Dat was voor hem wel een zware belasting. Hij moest ook zijn werk in de gemeente doen en voerde bovendien nog een uitgebreide correspondentie.

Knox

In tegenstelling tot Beza is Knox maar enkele jaren in Genève geweest. Hij heeft er gewerkt als predikant van de Engelse gemeente die uit vluchtelingen bestond. Maar hij heeft met deze stad zeer nauwe contacten onderhouden. Hij ging er ook nog wel eens voor korte tijd heen. Als hij later over zijn herhaald verblijf in Genève spreekt, gewaagt hij van de mooiste hoofdstukken uit zijn levensloop. Toen de arbeid in Edinburg hem vanwege zijn leeftijd te zwaar ging vallen en hij wel een kleinere gemeente zou willen hebben, zei hij dat hij nergens liever zou willen werken dan in de Engelse gemeente in Genève. Hij had ook veel contact met Calvijn, die hij een bijzonder instrument van God noemde. Na de dood van Calvijn bleef Knox de relatie met Genève onderhouden. Beza had grote waardering voor 'magnus illi Joannes Cnoxius'.

Niet alleen theologen

Maar niet alleen deze vier theologen zijn afgebeeld. Het calvinisme heeft immers ook ingrijpende politieke gevolgen gehad. Zes calvinisten die in de Europese politiek grote invloed hebben gehad, kregen ook een plaats. Het zijn - in chronologische volgorde - Gaspard de Coligny, Willem van Oranje, Etienne Bocskay, Oliver Cromwell, Roger Williams en Frederik Willem de keurvorst van Brandenburg. Van deze zes zijn Gaspard de Coligny, Willem van Oranje en Oliver Cromwell in Nederland het meest bekend. Over de betekenis van Willem van Oranje behoeven we hier niet te schrijven. Cromwell heeft in 1649 een calvinistische republiek in Engeland gesticht.

De Coligny

De Coligny heeft als leider van de Hugenoten grote verdiensten voor de zaak van de Reformatie gehad. Hij viel in 1572 in de Bartholomeus nacht. Er staat niet alleen in Genève, maar o.a. ook in Parijs een standbeeld van hem.

Bij het monument in Parijs heeft Koningin Wilhelmina, toen zij in 1912 een bezoek aan deze stad bracht, een krans gelegd. Ze heeft daarbij een kort woord gesproken ter ere van de Coligny, die zij een machtige strijder voor Gods heilige zaak noemde. De koningin zei toen: 'Admiraal de Coligny heeft het geheim van die heldenmoed gekend, die zijn oorsprong vindt in het vast geloofsvertrouwen in God en hij heeft ons een voorbeeld nagelaten van een leven aan God en aan Zijn zaak gewijd. Door dit standbeeld op te richten heeft het dankbare nageslacht zijn nagedachtenis willen huldigen en ik acht mij gelukkig mij daarbij heden te kunnen aansluiten. Aan den voet van dit monument vereenigd, heffen wij onze harten op tot God, en zoeken wij voor alle dingen de verheerlijking van Zijn naam. Het is mijn levendige wensch dat ieder, die Christus als zijn Zaligmaker kent, in dat geloof moge worden gesterkt, en dat wij steeds meer waarachtige getuigen des Heeren mogen zijn.'

Veel minder weet men in Nederland van Etienne Bocskay, die in Hongarije de vrijheid van godsdienst bevocht en van Roger Williams, die aan het hoofd van de Pilgrim Fathers, Engelse puriteinen met de Mayflower naar Amerika vertrok.

De keurvorst van Brandenburg

Bij Frederik Willem van Brandenburg vonden de Hugenoten die na de opheffing van het Edict van Nantes in 1685 Frankrijk moesten verlaten, een veilig toevluchtsoord. Toen men er de keurvorst op wees dat de schatkist leeg was, antwoordde hij: 'Liever dan deze arme mensen zonder hulp te laten verkoop ik mijn zilverwerk.' Frederik Willem, die in Leiden heeft gestudeerd, was getrouwd met Louise Henriette, de dochter van Frederik Hendrik. Aan haar heeft men wel het bekende lied Jezus, meine Zuversicht toegeschreven.

De ontvangst en begroeting van de Franse ballingen is één van de historische feiten die in een reliëf op het monument zijn uitgebeeld. Dat is ook gebeurd met bijv. de uitvaardiging van het Edict van Nantes in 1598, de aanbieding van de Engelse kroon aan Willem III en Mary Stuart in 1688 en niet te vergeten de vergadering van de Nederlandse Staten Generaal in 1581, waarin de gehoorzaamheid aan Filips II werd opgezegd. Uit het stuk waarin dit gefundeerd, het Plakkaat van Verlatinge, staat een passage op het monument. Het is de bekende zinsnede dat de onderdanen er niet zijn voor de vorst, maar dat de vorst er is voor de onderdanen zonder welke hij geen vorst is. Het zijn allemaal gebeurtenissen die van veel betekenis zijn voor de geschiedenis van de calvinistische landen in de zestiende en zeventiende eeuw.

Recht van opstand

Individuele geloofsbeleving, heilsegoïsme, een introverte mentaliteit - dat wordt orthodoxe gereformeerde kerken nogal eens verweten. Het principiële calvinisme heeft er zich nooit aan schuldig gemaakt. Hulp aan onderdrukten, het recht van opstand, het zijn zaken die ook nu bijzonder actueel zijn. Maar het calvinisme heeft er altijd een open oog voor gehad. Ze komen steeds weer naar voren in de geschiedenis van het calvinisme. Wie van die geschiedenis op de hoogte is, wist het al. Wie dat niet is, moet zich eens verdiepen in het monument van de Reformatie in Genève.

Wij lazen voor u

Nog eens over de theologie en de dogmatiek

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Pas geleden werd het boek *Wegen en kruispunten in de dogmatiek* door Dr. E.J. Baker en Dr. J.M. Hasselaar uitgegeven door de bekende uitgeverij J.H. Kok (Kampen). Het is geen verdediging van ons geloofsstandpunt maar het heeft waardevolle inhoud voor discussie.

Het boek is het eerste deel van een dogmatisch leerboek dat, als de uitgever en de schrijvers hun doel bereiken, in vijf delen zal verschijnen. De schrijvers zijn twee hoogleraren in de theologie aan de Universiteit van Amsterdam. Zij zijn beide leerlingen van Karl Barth en de ethische theologen Noordmans en Miskotte. In hun voorwoord delen zij mee dat zij duidelijk wensen uit te spreken dat zij zich met de "vaderen" van de gereformeerde traditie verbonden weten, waarbij zij aantekenen dat zij niet genegen zijn het woord "gereformeerd" over te laten aan het gevestigde kerkelijk spraakgebruik. Het is hun bedoeling een duidelijk belijnde geschiedenis van schriftinterpretatie, die de dogmatiek is, te geven, maar daarbij te laten zien dat de theologie een progressieve wetenschap is.

In dit eerste deel wordt gehandeld over de natuurlijke en geopenbaarde Godskennis en het bestaan van God. In een tweede hoofdstuk over God en zijn eigenschappen. En dan ten derde over de Heilige Schrift.

Het is onmogelijk om in een recensie, waarbij we gebonden zijn aan een beperkte ruimte, een overzicht te geven van elk der drie breedvoerig besproken onderdelen. Een theologisch tijdschrift is daarvoor de aangewezen plaats. Wel willen we hier opmerken dat de invloed van Barth op bijna elke bladzijde uitkomt. Wel heel duidelijk is dit het geval als zij zeggen dat zij zich agressief opstellen tegenover het gebruik van de denkbeelden algemene en bizondere openbaring, en zij daarmee een geheel andere opvatting weergeven, dan wij belijden in artikel 2 van de geloofsbelijdenis.

Ook hun opvatting ten aanzien van de heilige Schrift, haar gezag en de plaats van de historische kritiek is wel zeer verschillend van wat wij met onze vaderen dienaangaande belijden. Duidelijk blijkt ook, gelijk ze trouwens ook zelf zeggen, dat zij inderdaad aan het woord gereformeerd een heel andere betekenis geven dan Bavinck in zijn *Gereformeerde Dogmatiek*. De vraag is dan ook of het woord gereformeerd, dat herhaaldelijk gebruikt wordt, zonder aanhalingstekens, niet verwarrend zal werken. Wat ons ook heeft getroffen is de stelligheid waarmee de schrijvers spreken, wat bij ons de vraag deed opkomen of ze niet met meer voorzichtigheid hun zienswijze naar voren hadden moeten brengen, vooral omdat het hier gaat over zaken die beslist niet eenvoudig zijn.

We kunnen dit werk dan ook niet zonder meer aanbevelen ook al is daar waardering zoals we straks willen opmerken. Hun zienswijze is niet die van de gereformeerde vaderen zoals wij hen kennen. En al weten wij dat het woord, zoals zij het hebben gesproken, niet het laatste woord is, toch moet de verbondenheid aan hun en onze belijdenis ons er toe brengen de schrijvers op hun weg niet te volgen. We menen dit te moeten zeggen omdat, ook al weten we dat God de wacht houdt over zijn Woord en het zal bewaren, Hij toch ook ons de taak heeft toevertrouwd om te waken voor alles wat dat Woord aantast, niet alleen door elkaar te waarschuwen tegen dwalingen buiten de kerk, maar ook voor de verleidingen die soms tot ons komen van de kant van hen met wie we ons in veel dingen verbonden weten.

Dit neemt echter niet weg dat we willen uitspreken dat uit dit boek duidelijk blijkt het enthousiasme waarmee de schrijvers dit werk zijn begonnen, en hoezeer ze begeren om op deze wijze dienstbaar te zijn aan de katholieke en oecumenische gemeenschap. Dit brengt hen meerdere malen tot een uitdrukkingswijze waarbij valt op te merken, dat zij met heel hun persoon dit werk voordragen, hun hart er in spreekt en zingt het lied van het dogma. Dat maakt ook, dat al kan men met de inhoud van dit lied niet altijd instemmen, men toch moet toegeven dat het verdiend beluisterd te worden. Trouwens, we willen hier ook opmerken, dat bij alle kritiek die we ook hier vaak hebben op de ontwikkeling van de theologie in Nederland, we toch moeten toestemmen dat te prijzen is, de ijver en de volharding die er daar is om de theologie te dienen. Terwijl er hier helaas weinig werken verschijnen om ons te helpen en verder te brengen, gaat een werk als dit verschijnen, en niet alleen dit, maar momenteel zelfs een standaard werk van de verzamelde werken van Dr. O. Noordmans dat uit negen delen zal bestaan. Het is een teken dat er veel over de vragen welke we hebben wordt nagedacht en er veel over wordt gelezen. Als dit laatste niet het geval was zouden de uitgevers ongetwijfeld niet telkens weer met hun uitgaven de boekenmarkt overstromen.

Het is daarom dan ook, dat al hebben we onze bezwaren en al hebben we toe te zien hoe we dit werk lezen, we toch zouden willen, dat allen die op de hoogte wensen te blijven van wat er op theologisch gebied gaande is, van dit werk kennis nemen. Er zijn vandaag zo velen, ook kerkleden, en onder hen ook ambtsdragers die, of zich zonder te weten wat zij doen, vastklemmen aan tradionele opvattingen; en er zijn ook anderen, en onder hen ook ambstdragers, die de belijdenis een zaak van gisteren en eergisteren beschouwen. We zouden beide groepen gaarne weer eens aan het lezen en studeren hebben, en de kennisname van dit boek zou meer een open oog kunnen geven voor de vele vragen, welke ons vandaag moeten bezig houden, om zo met elkaar tot een beter verstaan van Gods Woord te komen.

de levens geschiedenis van Pieter Vermeulen

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Gemeente Velsen©

door GéVerhoog

In de paardentram stappen? Ze ziet een voorbijrijden, de wagen keurig in de rails, het paard aan de leidsels ervoor. Ze heeft het nog nooit gezien en ademloos bekijkt ze het vervoer. De passagiers zitten op kleine dwarsbanken en zien naar buiten door vierkante ramen. Op het voorbalcon staat de koetsier, die het alleen aan een leidsel lopende paard moet mennen; aan de zwengel voor de rem is een grote bel aangebracht, waarmee de koetsier de mensen waarschuwt.

Ze gaat niet met de paardentram, voor alle schatten van de stad niet. Ze heeft een paar goede benen en die kan ze gebruiken; bovendien kan een rit vijf centen kosten - dat heeft ze gauw verdiend.

Een kruier passeert haar met zijn kruiwagen; hij ziet haar zoekende blikken: ''Kan ik helpen juffrouw?''

''Ja, ja,'' zenuwachtig zoekt ze in haar katoenen zak naar het adres. ''Kijk hier moet ik zijn omrede me dochter daar in een...''

De kruier hoort haar amper, hij schuift zijn pet even naar achter om op z'n hoofd te krabben, wat IJda misprijzen bekijkt. Dat is de stad! Zeggen ze wat van de Heide!

De kruier heeft de pet weer recht op z'n hoofd gezet: ''Nou, kijk es, het is te lopen, dan ga je die straat in en dan rechtsaf en dan helemaal recht door, daar is het - kijk uit waar je loopt en kom niet onder de paardentram.'' Ze knikt schichtig. ''Bedankt,'' mompelt ze, loopt dan rondkijkend het plein over.

Eindelijk heeft ze het adres gevonden en staat verbouwereerd te kijken naar dit huis. Waar ter wereld heeft Annetje het lef vandaan gehaald daar naar binnen te gaan? Ze zucht eens diep - bedenkt dan, dat zij als moeder van deze heldin dan ook moed kan vatten; ze schuifelt de stoep op, belt aan. De zware deur draait open, voor haar staat een deftige dame, neemaar, wat een deftigheid en toch zal ze de mevrouw niet zijn, daar is ze te jong voor. Ze had gehoopt dat Annetje de deur zou opendoen, ze heeft zich de laatste maanden talloze keren voorgesteld hoe het zou gaan en wat ze zou zeggen -

''Wel vrouwtje?'' hoort ze de hoge meisjesstem.

Ze denkt, dat ik met negosie loop, flitst het door IJda heen; ze zal dit hoogmoedige ding eens vertellen wie ze is. ''Ik - is, is Annetje thuis?'' Het valt toch niet mee, denkt ze.

''Jazeker, wat is er aan de hand?''

''Ze is - jarig,'' stamelt IJda, nu van alle moed beroofd, want ze ziet Annetje nergens, het huis viert geen feest, terwijl Annetje toch jarig is, ''ik ben haar moeder - en - ze is jarig -''

De juffrouw die beslist een dochter van het huis is, haalt even de wenkbrauwen op. ''Wacht even.'' Ze loopt door de hal naar een kamer, maar is dan weer snel terug, alleen.

''Ik heb mama gevraagd, maar Annetje is aan 't zilver poetsen en heeft vanavond pas vrij. We krijgen gasten - hebt u een cadeau voor Annetje? Wat aardig, ik zal het haar geven en de groeten overbrengen. Dag vrouwtje.''

De glanzende zware deur valt dicht. IJda staat totaal verwezen en verdwaasd naar de koperen klopper te staren, dan keert ze zich langzaam om naar de treden van de hoge stoep, ziet nog eens om - weer een tree, ziet weer om, nee, geen Annetje te zien - Dit is toch niet mogelijk, dit is niet waar, maar het is wel waar, dat ze hier staat en naar de Hei terug kan gaan zonder haar eigen dochter te hebben gefeliciteerd, zonder zelf het cadeau te hebben gegeven ... Ze weet niet eens, dat ze met een hand op de leuning van het bordes met diep gebogen hoofd naar de grond staat te turen tot haar ogen branden. Heeft ze daar maanden voor gespaard, maanden alles uitgezuinigd, maanden zich erop verheugd? Ze heeft Annetje eenmaal in de zes weken een dag thuis, want mevrouw kan haar niet missen. Annetjes verjaardag: zilver poetsen omdat mevrouw gasten krijgt: gasten, maar niet voor Annetjes verjaardag - Wat te doen? Kon ze maar iets doen - het kan niet. Ze moet terug met de spoor naar de Heide - was ze maar vast daar. Ze ziet als een berg tegen de terugreis op, sloft moedeloos over het schelppad, vindt de straat naar het station. Veel te vroeg is ze daar; lang moet ze wachten op de spoortrein die in Velsen zal stoppen.

Ze zit ze in een hoek van het station met grote starre ogen voor zich uit kijken.

Het is in de avond, dat Hannes met grote stappen naar het meestershuis ijlt. ''Asdat de meester direct en sebiet mot komme want IJda huilt d-r eige 't etter.''

''Wat is er aan de hand?''

Hannes is reeds weg. In de gang komt de juffrouw haastig naar de meester.

''Wie was dat? Hannes? Is er iets?''

De meester haalt de schouders op. ''Ik weet het niet, Hannes vroeg of ik bij IJda wilde komen, ze schijnt geheel van streek te zijn.''

''Laat mij gaan,'' ze knoopt haar schortje reeds los, ''als Hanna van streek is, moet er vandaag iets gebeurd zijn op haar reis naar Haarlem. Nee, Pieter laat mij maar gaan.''

Hij stemt toe; even later haast de juffrouw zich naar het huis van Hannes, waar IJda aan tafel zit te huilen of ze nooit zal ophouden.

''Ik ben weggestuurd,'' schokt ze, ''en nou het dat arme kind zilver moeten poetsen en ik mocht zelf dat cadeau niet geven en ik heb Annetje niet eens gezien - me eige kind staat daar in de keuken en ik op de stoep en - en - ik moest terug - we maggen niks, die rijken maggen alles - en 't is me eige kind, dat weet ik sebiet -''

De juffrouw hoort het verhaal aan, begrijpt de situatie klaarhelder. Er ligt een strakke lijn om haar mond.

''IJda, luister eens wat ik je ga zeggen. Ik zal dit aan de meester doorgeven want dit mag niet en - '' Ze weifelt even, wat moet ze zeggen. Kan ze iets beloven - ja, ze doet het.

''IJda, aanstaande Zondag is Annetje de hele dag vrij, daar zorg ik voor.''

Ijda ziet haar verwilderd aan. ''Dat kan niet,'' roept ze, ''ze het geen vrij en as ze wegloopt is ze dat diensie kwijt en ...''

De juffrouw neemt haar even bij de arm. ''IJda, ik zorg, dat Annetje de hele Zondag thuis is en ze niet wordt ontslagen. Laat dit nu eens aan de meester en mij over. Zondag vieren we feest, dan komen de meester en ik ook bij jullie koffiedrinken en het geld, dat Annetje nodig heeft voor de reis, krijgt ze van mij, dat is mijn verrassing voor haar verjaardag - nou? Is dat een plan? Het wordt nog veel leuker, denk ik.''

IJda lacht eindelijk door haar tranen heen, ze knikt. Hannes vindt het ook een plan uit duizend en de kinderen joelen al bij voorbaat.

Dan loopt juffrouw Vermeulen terug naar huis; haar wangen gloeien. O, ze kent hen, de rijken die God danken voor hun rijkdom, maar de arme als een hen toegeworpen voetveeg beschouwen, minder dan een dier. Een arm, verschopt kind, dat jarig is, dat juist zoveel hartelijkheid nodig heeft - ze worden als materiaal gebruikt. De dienstmeid, nee, dat niet eens. En dat zijn dan christenen. Met een blos op de smalle wangen vertelt ze de meester verontwaardigd het drama van deze dag. ''Pieter, ga jij naar die familie, spreek jij met hen en - en -''

''Nu?'' vraagt de meester met pretlachjes in zijn ogen.

''Niets,'' stoot ze uit, ''ik ga zelf, al vind ik een reis maken ontzettend, ik ga zelf en morgenochtend reeds. Ik zal niet eerder thuiskomen voor het in orde is.''

De meester ziet haar aan - wat is ze lief. ''M'n lief wijfke,'' zegt hij dan, ''ik ga morgen na schooltijd erheen, al zou ik een rijtuig moeten huren.''

Als het Zondag is, wordt er feest gevierd in het huis van IJda en Hannes. Annetje is het lachende middelpunt. Nauwelijks is Annetje gearriveerd, of Hannes belt weer bij de meester aan, in zijn hand een groot stuk boterkoek. ''De mevrouw van Annetje het een botertaart gebakken die haast niet op de tafel kan,'' zegt hij en voor het eerst is zijn gezicht een lach, ''dit brok hebbe we vast voor de meester en de juffrouw afgesneeje en offu straks uit de kerk bij ons komt want dan is de koffie klaar.''

In de gang staat de meester met het stuk boterkoek in de hand naar zijn vrouw te kijken.

Ze lacht.

26 Het is twee jaar later. De meester staat neuriend voor het raam van zijn kamer, die tegelijk bestuurs- en ontvangkamer in de school is en hij heeft reden tot blijde zin: hij verwacht elk ogenblik een sollicitant voor hulponderwijzer en dit keer niet omdat de tegenwoordige de Heide verlaat; neen! Het personeel kan zich uitbreiden met de officiele aanstelling van een onderwijzer en tegelijk kan hij de handwerk-onderwijzeres aanstellen voor enkele uren per week. Zij heeft lang meegeholpen en voor zeer weinig haar lessen gegeven, maar ieder mens moet toch kunnen leven en nu is ook dit voor elkaar. Zou de noodzaak voor de meester, alles zelf te moeten doen, zou het wanhopig ploeteren voorbij zijn? Het gaat er op lijken.

De meester keert zich naar de tafel; sollicitatiebrieven, waar uitsprong de brief van Aaldert Taanman, een jonge man van omstreeks dertig jaar; de meester ziet de handtekening: de T. is met een wonderlijke ingetogen zwier en voorts van intelligentie getuigend. Het handschrift maakt een goede indruk.

''Ik heb eigenlijk meer de angst, dat deze onderwijzer terugschrikt als hij komt, dan dat ik van hem zal schrikken,'' zei de meester op de bestuursvergadering, ''als de goede jongen bang is, dat wij hem niet zullen aanstellen, kan die vrees ongegrond zijn want ik neem alles aan wat hier wil werken.''

De bel is overgegaan. Naatje, die nog steeds de school trouw is met stoffer en blik en emmers water plus bezem, doet open en stort haar woordenvloed waar geen antwoord op wordt verwacht, meteen over de bezoeker heen, maar de meester staat reeds in de gang.

''De heer Taanman?''

''Inderdaad. U bent de heer Vermeulen?''

Een korte buiging, dan gaan beiden het kamertje binnen. De meester heeft in een oogopslag gezien, dat de sollicitant een schoolmeester is tot in zijn vingertoppen; de rijzige, rustige gestalte, het kalme, evenwichtige van zijn gezicht en de ogen die een wereld van goede wil en kennis verraden.

Aaldert Taanman heeft zich enigzins verbaasd over deze school; zijn gezicht met de wat diepliggende ogen en de kleine snor kent wel enige verwondering, maar als hij de heer Vermeulen voor zich ziet, is zijn besluit reeds genomen omdat hij de zaak reeds door heeft. Hier wordt gegild om hulp.

''De reis was niet gemakkelijk, maar ik ben op tijd,'' zegt de heer Taanman met zijn zachte, maar klankvolle stem. Het is zijn gewoonte strikt op de tijd te letten.

De meester heeft deze eigenschap onmiddellijk door in de opmerking van de sollicitant; hij begint iets te vertellen in grote lijnen van het werk op de school, van het nauwelijks te geloven feit, dat het rijke Nederland deze onderontwikkelde gebieden kent en zich er niet om bekommert, van het doel en de langzame groei van school en kerk.

''Is er eigenlijk niets ambtelijks gespecialiseerd?'' vraagt de heer Taanman.

''Op de Heide kan ik hiervan zeggen: neen,'' de meester somt op: ''Ik ben hier hoofd van de school, plaatsvervangend predikant, catechiseermeester, huisbezoeker voor de school, huisbezoeker voor de kerk, ik heb de avondschool, de Zondagsscholen, en voorts geef ik sinds kort lessen aan de Normaalschool voor jongens van veertien tot zestien jaar die onderwijzer willen worden. Deze school staat in Velsen bij de kanaaldijk. Tenslotte heb ik nog de bestuursvergaderingen, de voorzittershamer van de afdeling Beverwijk betreffende de poltitiek en -'' Een glimlach glijdt over het gezicht van de meester: ''Voorts heb ik een vrouw getrouwd en bezit vier kinderen, maar u begrijpt, dat ik mij elke Zondag wel kan voorstellen wie ik ben, want ik ben weinig thuis.''

De heer Taanman hoort het onbewogen aan, hij zit kaarsrecht op de stoel, de handen over elkaar gelegd op zijn knie.

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Notes of Thanks

ALBLAS: We like to thank our children, grandchildren, relatives and friends for making our 45th Wedding Anniversary an unforgettable day. Above all, we thank our heavenly Father for giving us so many years together.
Mr. and Mrs. John Alblas, 249 Water Street, Guelph, Ont.

BEZUYEN: We wish to express our sincere thanks to all the kind expressions of sympathy during the sudden loss of our dear husband, father and grandfather Albert Bezuyen. It is a great comfort to feel the communion with the people who share our belief in Christ our Saviour.
Mrs. A. Bezuyen and family, 208 Lakeshore Rd., St. Catharines, Ont.

Births

DE VRIES: With praise and thankfulness to God, the Giver of life, we announce the birth of our third child, a son, MATTHEW BEN, born April 1, 1979. A brother for Brenda and James. Thankful parents are Raymond and Lonny De Vries. 11th grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. L. Luinge, Fenwick, and 8th grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. J. De Vries, Fenwick.
R.R.1, Wellandport, Ont.

NUMAN: Ralph and Klara thank and praise God, the Creator of life, for his precious gift of a healthy son BRADLEY GERRARD, born March 29, 1979. A welcome brother for Henry and Renee.
10 Audrey St., St. Catharines, Ont., L2N 1G4

VAN DAALEN: We praise the Lord for the arrival of MICHAEL STEPHEN, on Saturday, March 10, 1979. A brother for Philip and Karin.
Thankful parents, Siebren and Nancy Van Daalen, Terrace, B.C.

VANDERVEEN: Praise the Lord! RACHEL ANN has been born to Hinke and Sonya VanderVeen (nee Feddema), 490 Linwell, St. Catharines. First grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. P. Feddema, Bowmanville, Ont., and fourteenth grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. C. VanderVeen, Tottenham, Ont. First great-grandchild of Mrs. G. Sikma, Bowmanville, Ont. and of Mr. and Mrs. T. Feddema, Dokkum, Fr.

Marriages

DEWIT-DYKSTRA: Mr. and Mrs. Albert de Wit of Red Deer, Alberta, are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their youngest daughter, JOAN BERNICE to GORDEN GLENN, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. James Dykstra of Edmonton, Alberta. The wedding will take place, the Lord willing, on Saturday, May 12, 1979, at 2:30 p.m. in the First Christian Reformed Church of Red Deer, Alberta with Rev. N.B. Knoppers officiating.
Future address: 7012-13 Ave., Edmonton, Alberta T6K 3P7.

Marriages

HAMILTON-GULDEMOND: Mrs. Gordon Hamilton of Montreal, Que., and Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Guldemond of Grimsby, Ont., are happy to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children, GLORIA-ANN and JOHN ADRIAN. The wedding ceremony will take place, D.V., on April 28, 1979, at 3 p.m. in the Chr. Ref. Church of Kitchener, Ont. Rev. J. Byrnes officiating.
Their address will be: 792 Frederick St., Apt. 7, Kitchener, Ont. N2B 2B7.

HEINEN-MOSSELMAN: Mr. and Mrs. John Heinen, Picton, and Mr. and Mrs. Dirk Mosselman, Kitchener, are happy to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children, ALIDA and CECIL on Saturday, April 28, 1979 at 2:30 p.m. in the Immanuel C.R.C., Hamilton, Ont. Rev. J. Klomps officiating.
Future address: 750 Mohawk Rd. W., Apt. 903, Hamilton, Ont. L9C 5Z5.

JOHNSTON-SYTSMA: Mr. and Mrs. Bruce K. Johnston are happy to announce the forthcoming marriage of their only daughter, BETH ANNE to ALLAN MICHAEL SYTSMA, on Saturday, April 21, 1979, at 3:30 o'clock in the Christian Reformed Church of Clarkson, Ont. Rev. A. Kuyvenhoven officiating.
Future address: 82 Millside Dr., Apt. 802, Milton.

MCFADDEN-SINGOR: Thankful to the Lord who brought them together, Mr. and Mrs. Ken McFadden and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Singor are happy to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children, RICHARD and PAULINE. The wedding ceremony will take place, the Lord willing, on April 14, 1979 at 7 o'clock, in the Blenheim Christian Reformed Church. Rev. John Tennyenhuis officiating.
Future address: 50 Michener Road, Apt. 105, Chatham, Ont.

NOORDHOF-SULLIVAN: With thanks to God, who brought them together, Mr. and Mrs. W. Noordhof, of Lacombe, Alta., are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their son ED. to MISS NANCY SULLIVAN, daughter of Mr. A. Sullivan and Mrs. N. Hutzel of Thunder Bay, Ont. The ceremony will take place, the Lord willing, on April 16, 1979 at 1:30 p.m. in the Bethel Chr. Ref. Church, Lacombe, Alta., with Rev. P. Sluys and Rev. J. Jansen officiating.
Future address: Box 2493, Lacombe

PRINS-DEVROOM: Mr. and Mrs. Peter Prins of Dunnville, Ont., and Mr. and Mrs. Bart DeVroom are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children NELLY and FREDERICK CHRISTIAN WILLIAM. This special union of love will take place on Saturday, April 28, 1979 in the Bethel Christian Reformed Church of Dunnville. Pastor P. Slofstra of Orillia will be officiating.
Future address: Orillia.

Anniversaries

Holland May 16 Canada
1929 1979
With thanksgiving to the Lord, we hope to celebrate the 50th Wedding Anniversary of our grandparents and great-grandparents,

HENDRIK IDEMA
and
JOHANNA IDEMA
(nee vander Veen)

We pray that the Lord will continue to bless and keep them in the years to come. With love, your thankful grandchildren and great-grand children.
Will & Wilma Hansma; Wayne, Joanne, Pete & Donna Hansma: Stephanie, Theresa, John, Brian, Stephen, Mary Hansma.
Bill, Henry, Tracy, Joanne, Hetty, Margaret Hansma.
Jane, Hank, Richard, Andrew Byzitter.

Anniversaries

50 years
Holland Canada
Buitenpost Langley, B.C.
May 16, 1929 May 16, 1979
Ps. 32, vs. 8b
"I will guide thee with my eye!"
With gratitude to our heavenly Father, we hope to celebrate, the Lord willing, on May 16, the 50th Wedding Anniversary of our beloved parents, grandparents and great-grandparents,

HENDRIK IDEMA
and
JOHANNA IDEMA
(nee vander Veen)

We, as their grateful children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren pray that they may be with us for many years.
Jan & Sjoukje Hansma — Summerland, B.C.
Oedse & Janny Hansma — Langley, B.C.
Dirk & Tineke Byzitter — Surrey, B.C.
and 18 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.
#203 5400-204 Street, Langley, B.C. V3A 1Z2.
Those who wish to congratulate them on this happy occasion will have the opportunity to do so on Saturday, May 19, 1979, in the basement of the Cloverdale Church from 1:30-4:00 o'clock.
17473 60th Ave., Surrey, B.C.

Hengelo 1929 Brampton 1979
"He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, who abides in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my fortress; my God in whom I trust.'" Psalm 91:1,2
With joy and thanksgiving to God we hope to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of our parents and grandparents on Saturday, April 21, 1979.

JAN and JANTJE
MULDER
(nee Mulder)

We thank the Lord that he has given them this many years together and pray that he will spare them for many years to come.
Their thankful children:
Koop & Janny Mulder; Henrietta & Jeanette — Brampton, Ont.
Hank Mulder — Milton, Ontario
John & Elly Mulder; Tammy & Julie Ann — Milton, Ontario
Cor & Mary Mulder — Wingham, Ont.
Temporary address: 23-341 Wilson Drive, Milton, Ontario L9T 3Y9.
Future address: Holland Christian Homes, Brampton, Ontario.

Rotterdam Simcoe, Ont.
1934 1979
On May 16, 1979, D.V., we hope to celebrate the 45th Wedding Anniversary of our parents and grandparents,

BEN and ELIZABETH
HOFLAND

We thank God for keeping them in his care all these years, and pray that he will be with them in the years to come.
"O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good."
Henry & Lena Eising; Judy, Sandra, Lisa & Henry — Simcoe, Ont.
John & Ellen Zandstra; Fred, Ben, John, Tim, Beverly, Wayne & Cheryl — Jarvis, Ont.
Ed & Betty Hofland; Wally, Tammy & Danny — Simcoe, Ont.
Ben & Angela Hofland; Matthew, Aaron, Kevin & Hannah — Strathroy, Ont.
Ralph & Gail Hofland — Simcoe, Ont.
Open house will be held Saturday, April 28, 1979, from 2-5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Immanuel Christian Reformed Church, Oak Street, Simcoe, Ontario. Best wishes only.
Home address: R.R.#7, Simcoe, Ontario.

Anniversaries

1954 1979
Bloomfield Bloomfield
With joy and thankfulness to the Lord, we hope to celebrate the 25th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, April 28, 1979, of our dear parents and grandparents,

DAVE and ALIDA
DOORNBOS
(nee Oosterlee)

May the Lord bless you and keep you for many more years to come.
Nora & Gerald Westervelt; Teresa & Lisa — Bloomfield
David & Hilda Doornbos; Jeffrey — Bloomfield
Carla — at home
Patrick — at home
Open house will be held on Saturday, April 28, 1979 at their residence from 2-4 p.m. Best wishes only.
Home address: R.R.#8, Picton, Ont. K0K 2T0.

Scheveningen Whitby
1939 1979
With joy and thankfulness to our heavenly Father, we wish to congratulate and share with our parents and grandparents their 40th Wedding Anniversary this April 19, 1979, D.V.

ARIE and KLARA
NIEUWSTRATEN
(nee Vander Sluys)

Psalm 125:1 "Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion."
" 'k Sla de ogen naar 't gebergte heen, vanwaar ik dag en nacht des hoogsten bijstand wacht. Mijn hulp is van de Heer alleen, die hemel, zee en aarde eerst schiep en sinds bewaarde."
Corrie & Albert Verheij; Richard, Yvonne — Pickering
Hank & Pat Nieuwstraten; Douglas, Melanie — Oshawa
Brian & Annie Nieuwstraten; Terry, Carolyn — Whitby
Margaret & Simon Kamerman; Robert, Michelle — Whitby
Ron & Jo Anne Nieuwstraten — Willowdale
202 Pringle Dr., Whitby, Ont.

Krimpen a/d Lek Conestogo
1939 1979
With thankfulness to the Lord, we hope to celebrate with our parents,

GERRIT STUBBE
and
GERRY STUBBE
(nee de Bruin)

on the 20th of April, their 40th Wedding Anniversary.
May the Lord keep them in his care for many more years to come.
Their children and grandchildren:
Jack & Wilma Stubbe; Darlene, Jerald, Angela, Kevin — Conestogo, Ont.
John & Riet Overgaauw; Joanne Mark, Carl — Amherstburg, Ont.
Michael & Hilda Dietrich; Theresa, Michael, Peter — St. Clements, Ont.
Herb & Adry Horn; Christene, Diane, Sylvia — Wellesley, Ont.
Peter & Gail Stubbe; Sarah — Kitchener, Ont.

Bloemendaal Calgary
Holland Alberta
1954 May 5 1979
With joy and thankfulness to God, we hope to celebrate the 25th Wedding Anniversary of our parents,

HENK and WILHELMINA
VERHOEFF
(nee van der Bijl)

We praise the Lord for all the blessings he has given them over the past 25 years, and trust that he will be faithful in the years to come.
With much love from their children,
Paul
Anya
Stephen
Margaret
David
There will be an open house on Saturday, May 5, 1979 from 1:00 p.m. on, at our home.
40 Granada Dr. S.W., Calgary, Alberta T3E 4K6.

Anniversaries

Vroomschoop Clinton
1929 2 mei 1979
Met grote vreugde en dankbaarheid aan God hopen wij met onze ouders,

KAREL BOVEN
and
HENDRIKA JANTINA BOVEN
(nee Kassies)

te herdenken dat zij 50 jaar geleden in het huwelijk zijn getreden.
"Aan God alleen de lof, de dank, de eer." Psalm 121
Betsie & Piet Boonstra — Heerlen
Gerrit & Nel Boven — Seaforth
Riet & Roger Hurdlik — Chicago
Jan & Femmy Boven — Seaforth
Henk & Janke Boven & Ameland
Kini & Bernie Kolkman — Goderich
Ineke & Chris Knetsch — Seaforth
Albert & Helen Boven — Seaforth
Corrie & Kurt Stryker — Seaforth
Fred & Greta Boven — Kingston
Alie Boven — Ermelo
Carl Boven — Kingston
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Open receptie op 20 april van 3-5 uur in de "White Carnation", Holmesville.
Adres: 137 Isaac St., Clinton, Ontario N0M 1L0.

1939 April 20 1979
With joy and thanksgiving to our Lord, we wish to congratulate our parents,

PIETER SCHEP
and
WILLEMINA SCHEP
(nee Mourik)

on their 40th Wedding Anniversary. We pray that our heavenly Father will continue to bless them and grant them many more years together.
"O give thanks to the Lord for he is good" Ps. 118:1
Their children:
Arie & Judy Schep — Guelph
Willy & Ralph Hollema — Alliston
Diane & John Van Campen — Utopia
Nelly & John Geddes — Oro Station
Janet & Ted Vandevis — Barrie
Betty Ann — at home
and 15 grandchildren.
Open houe will be held, D.V., Friday, April 20, 1979, from 7:30 p.m. in the Christian Reformed Church, Downey Avenue, Alliston, Ontario.
Home address: R.R.#1, Alliston, Ontario L0M 1A0.

Our dear parents and grandparents,

AART VAN BREEMEN
and
WILMA VAN BREEMEN
(nee Van Delft)

hope to celebrate, D.V., their 10th Wedding Anniversary on April 18, 1979.
We pray that the Lord will continue to bless and keep them in the years to come.
Their children and grandchildren.
Jack & Betty Van Breemen; David & Jimmy — Whittier, Cal.
Phil & Brenda Van Breemen; Douglas & Christy — Whittier, Cal.
Kurt & Nghia Van Breemen — Long Beach, Cal.
Audrey & John Kamps; Wilma, William, Annette, Richard & Audrey — Jordan Station, Ont.
Lydia & Peter Demik; Peter, Lisa, Paul, Leanne & Phillip — Hamilton, Ont.
Richard Van Delft — St. Catharines, Ont.
Bill & Mary Van Delft; Bill & Jo-Nelle — Hamilton, Ont.
Temporary address: 15708 Eucalyptus, Bellflower, Cal., 90706.
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Anniversaries

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The Lord willing, on Wednesday, May 2, 1979, we hope to celebrate with our parents,

PETER WESTRA
and
MARGINA WESTRA
(nee Nanninga)

the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. We pray that God will continue to bless them.

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Obituaries

On April 2, 1979, the Lord took unto himself our beloved husband, father and grandfather,

BAREND W. KRUISSELBRINK

of Smithers, B.C., at the age of 69 years.

"Have thine own way Lord, Have thine own way."

Wife: Hilda Kruisselbrink
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On April 3, 1979, the Lord took suddenly from us our so dearly beloved grandson and nephew,

MICHAEL JASON VAN EYK

in his seventh year. And Jesus said "Let the little children come unto me." Mark 10:14.

We know that Michael is now safe in the arms of Jesus and that he will sing his favorite song, "This is the day that the Lord has made." This gives us so much comfort in our big loss.

Opa & Oma Van Eyk — 107 King St. E., Hagersville, Ont.
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Richard Van Eyk — at home

Obituaries

Safe in the arms of Jesus

On April 3, 1979, our Lord called to himself through a tragic accident, our dear grandson, nephew and cousin,

MICHAEL JASON VAN EYK

We pray that the Lord may comfort and strengthen Anne and Gary in these difficult days.

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There by his deep love
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Aunts and Uncles:
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Lambert & Arlene Stegeman
Cousins:
John
Mark
Lori-Anne
Tara

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Guelph: John Calvin Christian School requires a **part-time teacher** for the **senior grades.** Please call Jake Vriend, principal, 290 Water St., Guelph, Ont. Telephone: 519-824-8860 (school).

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Sudbury: The Sudbury and District Christian School Association is opening up a new inter-denominational Christian School in the fall of 1979. We are in need of a **principal/administrator** for grades 1 through 8, and a **teacher** for the **lower primary** grades. Please write your letter of application to: Sudbury and District Christian School Association, 11 Poplar, Copper Cliff, Ont. Telephone: 705-682-4749. Attention: Mrs. Diane Bondy.

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Focus

Food focus for 60 Ten Days groups

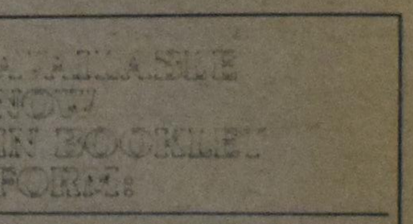
Close to 60 inter-church committees participated in the third consecutive year of the Ten Days For World Development focus on the food industry.

Some, like the joint one in Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario, helped schedule speeches, seminars, panel discussions, films and other activities for new committees in other areas. Perhaps the most ambitious project was at St. George's Anglican Church, Willowdale, Ont., where a panel discussion on Canada's food policy included federal Agriculture Minister Eugene Whelan, the Rev. Lois Wilson, president of the Canadian Council of Churches, Phil Moyes, executive vice-president of Grocery Products Manufacturing Association of Canada, and Stephen Allen of the Ontario Public Interest Research Group.

The committee in Timmons, Ont., organized a lecture series which included talks on food aid, and the role of women in the Third World. A number of committees produced regional tabloids as part of their agenda. Saskatchewan churches, with the Saskatchewan Council for International Co-operation, put out one illustrating how commercial production has resulted in dependence on fewer and fewer sources of food.

Churches in south-western Ontario, including those in London, Kitchener-Waterloo and Windsor, published a tabloid on local land use including articles on small farms, fruit land, industrial parks, alternatives to the supermarket and uncontrolled urban growth.

Writers and analysts were brought in by several Ten Days committees. For example, Cary Fowler, co-author of *Food First,* and Professor Julio Quan, an agronomist from the national University of San Carlos, in Guatemala, spoke in Manitoba.



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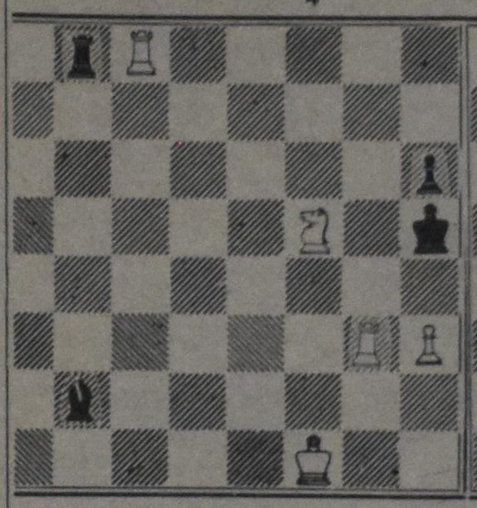

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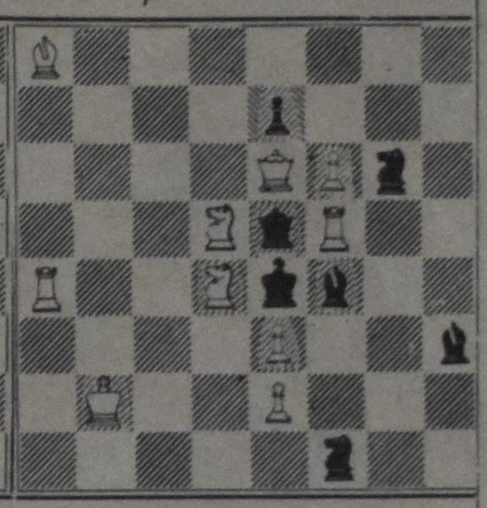

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1. The White pieces in #783 can generate many obvious threats. Mr. Svoboda's solution however, comes as a surprise. Please indicate the Key, Threat and all Variations.

2. Mr. Franken earned a first prize with the two mover, #784, in 1927. White can hardly get to the Black King because it is so hemmed in by all the White pieces! The many mates turn out to be quite economical though. (The most economical mates occur when each square the Black King could flee to is guarded by one White piece). Please indicate the Key and Threat, if any.

3. The deadline to send solutions in for the April problems, #781-784 is May 20, for those living in Ontario and 5 days later (postmarked) for all others. New solvers are always welcome. A prize is given when a solver obtains 90 points.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Apr. 15	Easter Sunrise Service, Mount Hamilton Christian Reformed Church, Upper Wellington & Stone Church, at 6:00 a.m., Rev. Jerry Vreeman, speaker.
Apr. 18	25th Anniversary of the Clinton Ladies Societies, at 8:00 p.m. in the Clinton Chr. Ref. Church.
Apr. 21	First CRC Hamilton, 50th Anniversary dinner in H.D.C.H. at 7:00 p.m.
Apr. 21	Christian Labour Association of Canada's 27th convention, Silverthorn Collegiate Institute, 291 Mill Rd., Etobicoke (Toronto), Ont., starting at 9:30 a.m., with speakers Dr Bernard Zylstra and Ed Grootenboer.
Apr. 21	Frisian Variety Night in the Jarvis District Christian School at 7:30 p.m.
Apr. 21	Concert of St. Thomas Male Choir "Crescendo" in the Bowmanville, Rehoboth Christian Reformed Church, at 8 p.m.
May 4-6	James Ward, contemporary Christian rock-jazz pianist and vocalist, will be in concert in three Alberta centres: **May 4** - Calgary, **May 5** - Edmonton and **May 6** - Lethbridge. Watch for local announcements.
May 11	Third annual Christian High School choir festival, concert with 450 voices from seven schools, in the Humber College gymnasium, Highway 27 north of Highway 401, Toronto, at 8 p.m.
May 12	Festival of Dutch Sacred Music in the First Chr. Ref. Church, Guelph, Ont. at 7:30 p.m.
May 13	Mother's day worship service in the Dutch language in the First Chr. Ref. Church, Guelph, Ont. at 3:00 p.m.
May 16	Mini-Convention of the Eastern Ontario and Quinte Leagues, McArthur College, Queens University, Kingston, Ont. at 10 a.m. Cost: $6.00 per person.

VBS Workshops
Vacation Bible School workshops with Rev. Allen Curry (Director of Educational Services of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church), at three locations: **Toronto**: Wednesday, April 25, 8 p.m., Grace Presbyterian Church, East Side of Toronto, just south of the 401, off Port Union Road. **Stratford:** Thursday, April 26, 10:30 a.m. Stratford Christian Reformed Church; **Hamilton:** Thursday, April 26, 8 p.m., Free Reformed Church, on Mohawk Road, just east of the 403 Highway.

Andre Knevel in concert:
April 28 at 8:15 p.m. in St. Catharines, St. Thomas Anglican Church, with Gus Jonkers, trumpet. **May 5** at 8:15 p.m. in the Mount Hamilton Chr. Ref. Church, with choir director John Hunse. **May 12** at 8:15 p.m in Woodstock, Central United Church, with Gus Jonkers, trumpet.

Dated	Mailed	Deadline for classified ads	Deadline for all other advertising
Apr. 20	Apr. 18	Apr. 16 (noon)	Apr. 12 (noon)
Apr. 27	Apr. 25	Apr. 23 (noon)	Apr. 20 (noon)
May 4	May 2	Apr. 30 (noon)	Apr. 27 (noon)

Books

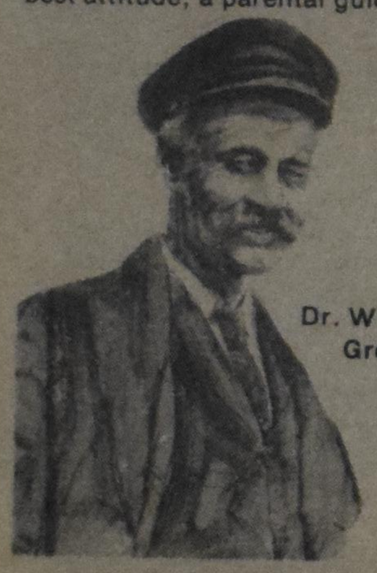
History

How we tamed the Canadian frontier

The Wild Frontier: More Tales from the Remarkable Past by Pierre Berton; published by McClelland & Stewart, Toronto, Ont., 1978; clothbound, 239 pages, indexed; price: $14.95. Reviewed by Harry A. de Vries, staff, Calvinist Contact.

As a conclusion of his studies of Canadian history, Pierre Berton notes that Canadians have always had a paternalistic attitude toward the land. The land was there to be used, to be exploited; the Indians were to be employed in the fur industry, not to be fought and slaughtered as in the U.S. west. The controlling arm of the Royal Mounted Police kept the west (and the Yukon during its gold-rush days) as safe as downtown Toronto.

Paternalism, a father-knows-best attitude, a parental guidance and a childlike trust. Berton notes that times have not changed in that respect. "It is the same conviction that made the majority cry 'Trust Trudeau!' when in October, 1970, the midnight knock on the door roused from their sleep some hundreds of innocents who were thrown into prison and denied "habeas corpus" for breaking a law that had not been invoked when they went to bed. When order is threatened in Canada, what price freedom?"



Dr. Wilfred Grenfell

In part our collective attitude was formed by the natural obstacles of the Precumbrian Shield and the rugged Rockies. The U.S.A., granted an older country, had built three Pacific railways by the time ours was only partly built. But ever since its early days, "the Canadian frontier has been controlled and ordered by a fatherly authoritarianism with the reins of power tightly held by absentee landlords — the monarchs of France and England and their deputees, the governors of the Hudson Bay Co. in London; ... the Indian department, and the Mounted Police — a cohort of officials who have always known what is best for people and places beyond their ken, just as the Jesuits who thought they knew what was best for the Hurons."

Even the seven rugged individuals described in this book were part of this scheme, although they did not always fit into it snugly.

Dr. Wilfred Grenfell, the eccentric missionary-doctor to the Newfoundland fishermen, was sent to that forgotten part of the world by the British National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen. He was fully supported by the Mission when he was sent there in 1892 but by 1912 had drummed up enough support for his endeavour to rehabilitate the Newfoundlanders that he was virtually on his own. The account reads like a frontier novel, only the experiences noted therein are real.

Samuel Steele

John Jewitt was a young British seaman, indirectly involved in the fur trade when he was captured by the Nootka Indians of Vancouver Island in 1803. The tale of his two-year enslavement to the mercurial chief Maquinna is somewhat horrifying.

Samuel Steel, the great Mounted Policeman who was the law and order of the new Northwest, witnessed more of frontier history than any other of his contemporaries. His valuable influence and service was lost to us because of dishonest scheming of a few politicians.

Isaac Joques was to some extent the extreme of the Jesuit missionaries because of his zeal for martyrdom, but he is typical of the Order's efforts to save the souls of the savages in New France during the 17th century. The account of his ten years in the new land shatters the myth that surrounds this Canadian Roman Catholic saint, and reveals the foolhardiness of the fathers and the unnatural and unscriptural approach of their early missions. History departments in our schools would do well to make this account required reading for their Canadian history classes.

Included in the book, too, are remarkable tales of three other historic figures; Cariboo Cameron, the eastern prospector who struck it rich in the British Columbia Cariboo mountains in 1863; Mina Hubbard, the comely widow who hiked across the unexplored heart of Labrador; and Almighty Voice, the last Indian to die in the North American battle between the Indians and the white men.

Berton has served Canadians well in these responsibly written and well-researched accounts. The result is in part a team effort, since others aided him in collecting source material. But he wrote it, and he wrote it well, in an interesting and very readable, narrative style. This, his 25th book, is worth reading.

Bible

Psalm 23

A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23 by Philip Keller; published by Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, in Canada by Home Evangelical Books, Willowdale, Ont.; 142 pages; price: $4.95. Reviewed by Ralph Koops, Chatham, Ont.

This book is not just a commentary on Psalm 23. It looks at a psalm from the point of view of a shepherd who himself knows the Good Shepherd. Throughout the book you see the shepherd busy taking care of the sheep. Sheep are not the easiest animals to handle. Constant comparisons are made with the sheep, that is, the people of God. At times analogies may be a bit farfetched but on the whole this popular book can be an enriching reading experience and re-enforce the confession that the Lord is our Shepherd.

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